

**PRDLA 2008 Singapore  
Membership meeting  
Business meeting narrative  
29 and 30 October**

**Welcome and appreciations**

PRDLA Secretariat Chair Bruce Miller welcomed 38 PRDLA representatives. He thanked our local hosts and the Program Committee for the exceptional preparation for the meeting. Miller recognized and thanked the corporate sponsors who defrayed some of the costs of the meeting.

- Hosts
  - Ruth Pagell, Singapore Management University
  - Sylvia Yap, National University of Singapore
- Program Committee
  - Paula Mochida, University of Hawaii at Manoa (chair)
  - Barbara Taylor, University of Otago
  - Kevin Leung, Chinese University of Hong Kong University System
  - Alan Ng, University of Hong Kong
  - Brian E.C. Schottlaender, University of California, San Diego
  - Emily Lin, University of California, Merced (ex officio, PRDLA Secretariat support)
  - Sylvia Yap, National University of Singapore (ex officio, co-host)
- Corporate Sponsors
  - Gartner
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**Steering Committee**

Chair Miller recognized and thanked Steering Committee members whose appointments end following PRDLA Singapore 2008:

- Colin Storey – Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Tom Leonard – University of California, Berkeley
- Jinwei Yan – Wuhan University

Continuing members of the Steering Committee include:

- Bruce Miller, University of California, Merced (Chair)
- Sylvia Yap, National University of Singapore
- Jianxiong Ge, Fudan University
- Hsianghoo Steve Ching, City University of Hong Kong

- Janet Copsey, University of Auckland
- Catherine Quinlan, University of Southern California

### **Membership update**

Fudan University Library and University of Macau Library were formally welcomed as new members. (Fudan was welcomed at PRDLA 2007 Berkeley, but membership was not formalized until December 2007.)

PRDLA currently has 32 active members.

The Steering Committee approved a formal membership and meeting attendance policy:

- The PRDLA Steering Committee supports incremental growth in membership. Nominations of potential new members should be submitted to the PRDLA Secretariat to be vetted by the PRDLA Steering Committee. Membership criteria are focused on the desire to join and willingness to participate.
- Attendance at annual membership meetings is limited to two representatives from each PRDLA member organization. Exceptions may be approved by the PRDLA Secretariat.
- The host institution for an annual PRDLA membership meeting may have more than two attendees at any session as long as the facilities have sufficient space and seating.
- The Steering Committee may invite representatives from a non-PRDLA organization to a PRDLA membership meeting for purposes of developing projects and sharing technical expertise.

### **Financial Report**

PRDLA is a small organization with very little overhead. Annual membership dues have purposely been set at the relatively low figure of US\$2,000 to encourage membership and to make PRDLA accessible to libraries with constrained budgets. Dues provide funding for:

- annual membership meeting
- collaborative projects
- a portion of Secretariat expenses

Currently, PRDLA is fiscally sound with \$80,375 in available funds. (Nine members have not paid FY 08/09 dues, i.e., the balance should increase \$18,000.) These funds are available for collaborative digitization projects and other PRDLA activities. These funds do not have to be spent in FY 08/09 and may be carried forward to be used in the future.

### **Collaborative Digitization Projects**

Members were reminded that PRDLA can fund collaborative digitization projects that involve two or more PRDLA members. The application and approval process is very simple. Details are posted on the PRDLA web site in the Projects section.

### **Karl Lo Award**

Robin Chandler, Digital Library Program Manager, University of California, San Diego was recognized as the first recipient of a Karl Lo Award. Funds from the award enabled

her to attend the 2008 PRDLA membership meeting in order to collaborate with colleagues on the Oceania Digital Library project.

Members were reminded that Karl Lo Award funds are granted to Librarians from PRDLA member libraries to support conference fees, travel costs, and other expenses in support of research and professional collaboration. Multiple awards can be granted each year. The application and approval process is very simple. Details are posted on the PRDLA web site under the section for the Karl Lo Award.

### **PRDLA 2009 Auckland, 18-20 November 2009**

The next PRDLA membership meeting will be in Auckland, New Zealand, on 18, 19, 20 November 2009. We will be hosted by Janet Copsey and the University of Auckland Library. Brian Flaherty presented a wonderful video about New Zealand. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend. Janet Copsey will be chair of the Program Committee; members willing to serve on the committee are asked to contact the PRDLA Secretariat.

### **PRDLA 2010 Shanghai**

Jianxiong Ge, on behalf of Fudan University, has graciously invited PRDLA to Shanghai in October 2010 for the annual membership meeting. The specific dates will be set in fall 2009.

### **PRDLA Secretariat Relocation**

The tradition within PRDLA is to move the Secretariat after service of three or four years. The periodic relocation of the Secretariat strengthens PRDLA with refreshed energy and new opportunities for leadership. The University of California, Merced Library is pleased to serve as your Secretariat, but it is time to look ahead. Ideally, the Secretariat will move to a new PRDLA member library after the fall 2009 membership meeting or early in 2010.

Please contact Bruce Miller ([bmiller@ucmerced.edu](mailto:bmiller@ucmerced.edu)) or any PRDLA Steering Committee member if your library wishes to serve as the next host for the PRDLA Secretariat. The workload is not excessive or complex, but leadership and attentiveness are very important. There is financial compensation to offset some of the incurred costs. The current Secretariat will provide details about the tasks and expectations of the responsibility and will provide guidance and ongoing support as needed to facilitate the transition.

### **[www.prdla.org](http://www.prdla.org)**

Emily Lin provided a brief overview of the new blog-based PRDLA web site. The blog format enables easier updates and encourages input from members. The home page will be further developed to better serve as a promotional tool. That development will call attention to the Pacific Rim Library and to PRDLA shared resources. A link will be added for the Oceania Digital Library (ODiL).

### **Pacific Rim Library (PRDLA Archive)**

Detailed report in separate document.