

ACLA Quarterly Meeting
UNCW Library (Discovery Wing, Rm 2088)
October 23, 2024, 5pm

I. Welcome & Introductions

In attendance: Lucy Holman (UNCW), Robert Shapiro (SEAHEC and Novant Health), Liza Palmer (*The Moving Image*), Melissa Raymer (UNCW), Delandrus Seales (UNCW), Wynn Wagenseil (Brunswick County Library, Southwest Branch), Rachel Fiery (UNCW), Kathryn Allman (unaffiliated), Lisa Coats (NHCPL), Tina Viglucci (NHCPL), Jacob Deininger (CFCC)

A. Library Updates and/or Side Hustles! 😊

1. From Melissa – Flash Lit in January – African American Read-In on February 18
2. From Lucy – upcoming fall events about Dorothy Gillespie (film screening, Q&A with son, unveiling of painting donated to UNCW Library) – Flash Film on October 30 – Delandrus interviewing CRW author
3. From Wynn – Cardinal is coming
4. From Tina – Cape Fear Book Festival, 3-day event featuring keynote by Wiley Cash, writing workshops, presentations by 30+ local authors, starting November 22
5. From Jacob – renovation happening soon
6. From Robert – a new simulation center

B. NourishNC Day of Service Volunteers (we have 10, need at least 5 more!)

II. ACLA Business

A. Approve Minutes

1. No comments or corrections

2. Motion to approve by Lucy; Melissa seconded

3. Motion approved unanimously

B. Archives Update

1. Rebecca Baugnon (Center for Southeast North Carolina History and Archives, UNCW Library) “ready to begin discussing the Center as a repository for the ACLA archives”

2. Who else (besides current officers) wants to be involved in this virtual meeting?

a. Lisa Coats expressed interest

C. Officer Elections, cont.

1. Positions

a. Vacant – Exp. July 2024 (Secretary, Web Administrator)

b. Exp. July 2025 (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer)

c. Exp. July 2026 (Listserv Manager, Secretary, Web Administrator)

2. Already, we are violating ACLA bylaws: “No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve consecutive terms in the same office, again, except in the case of the Treasurer.”

3. Nominations (self-nominations welcome!)

a. Chris Robinson will stay in post as Web Administrator until we can amend bylaws

b. Secretary will be a rotating position for now

4. Approval of New Officers

a. Motion to approve by Lisa; Lucy seconded

b. Motion approved unanimously

D. Officer Reports (Lucy, Rachel, Chris, Melissa)

1. Lucy – nothing to report
2. Rachel – nothing has changed in the Truist account since last meeting
3. Chris – no report submitted
4. Melissa – nothing to report
 - a. From Liza – malicious activity in Mailchimp listserv – deleting signups that look suspicious (i.e., via “Embed Form” as opposed to “Hosted Form,” which is our current form and which has double opt-in in place)
 - b. Lisa suggested we put language to this effect on the ACLA Listserv page on the website (Update: Liza has now added this)

E. Next Quarterly Meeting

1. Aiming for February 26, 2025 (may be via Zoom)

III. New Business – any items from the floor?

- A. From Lucy – if you are interested in serving as an elementary school Battle of the Books judge, let Lucy know – it is scheduled for March 12 at Ashley High School

IV. Open Discussion About Future Direction of ACLA

A. Ongoing saga of tax status

1. Ophelia Chapman (UNCW Library Business Librarian) was a big help in trying to get us advice via the Small Business and Technology Development Center
 - a. Referred us to UNCW Tax Compliance Office – who declined to respond to Liza’s inquiry
 - b. This may, in fact, be an area where Lucy, our new Vice Chair, can assist

2. Again, Liza's review of the bylaws, for treasurer: "The duties of this office shall be to complete all financial transactions, including tax returns if needed"
3. Recap of options:
 - a. If we want to be a social group, operating locally, then no need to recover nonprofit status
 - b. If we want to host conferences, collect registration fees, and operate beyond our local area, then we probably will want to recover our nonprofit status – which may involve a considerable amount of time and money
 - c. The current ACLA officers (i.e., the Executive Committee) recommended this course of action: engaging the membership on this issue and then bringing it to a formal vote at a future meeting (or via an online ballot) – before exhausting more time and energy on this tax issue
 - a. Already, as clear from the officer issue, we need to amend the bylaws or change web administrator and listserv manager officers
 - b. "These Bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted at a regular meeting of the Association. The amendment must be stated in the call for the meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting, and must be approved by 2/3 of the voting members present at such meeting."

V. Library Tour

- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm for a tour of UNCW Discovery Hall



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About Azalea Coast Library Association

The Azalea Coast Library Association (ACLA) is a professional organization founded to promote and advocate for Southeast North Carolina libraries through activity, communication, and engagement among those involved with or interested in libraries.

Our membership includes librarians, library staff, library school students, and library-adjacent workers based in (or retired from) public, academic, and special libraries or school media centers. Membership is open to all library personnel from the following counties: Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, and Sampson, although library personnel outside these areas are also welcome to participate.

We share information via email, social media, and meetings (face-to-face and virtual). Please like us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/azaleacoastlibraryassociation>)! And make sure you are included on both listservs, one hosted by Mailchimp (for newsletters) and the other by the University of North Carolina Wilmington (for approved member postings). Email azaleacoastlibraries@gmail.com for more help with the listservs.

ACLA wants to grow! So please encourage your colleagues to participate by sharing organizational newsletters and meeting notices. Thank you!

Current Leadership

Chair: Liza Palmer (*The Moving Image*, Managing Editor)

Vice Chair: Lucy Holman (UNCW Randall Library, Associate Provost for Teaching, Learning & Library Services and Dean of the Library)

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Rachel Fiery (UNCW Randall Library, Cataloging Specialist)

Web Administrator: Chris Robinson (UNCW Randall Library, Outreach & Engagement Librarian)

Listserv Manager: Melissa Raymer (UNCW Randall Library, Education & Art Librarian)