

Date: July 15, 2009  
To: Ruth Solie, Executive Director NLLN  
From: Stacy Voeller  
Re: Report for NLLN Professional Engagement Award for the ALA Annual Conference, July 2009, Chicago

Thank you so much for the support of the Professional Engagement Award to attend the Annual conference in Chicago. I served in a variety of capacities once again which included chairing ACRL's College Libraries Section Leadership Committee, serving on CLS's Executive Committee, presenting the inaugural CLS ProQuest Innovation in College Librarianship Award to winner Bruce Connolly, being a committee member on LITA's Assessment & Research Committee, and serving as Editor of *Cognotes* as well as contributing articles as a reporter.

As Chair of the Leadership Committee, it was my distinct pleasure and great honor to present the section's inaugural award as part of its program, the **2009 ALA/ACRL/CLS Program, Our Town, Common Ground: Academic Libraries' Collaboration with Public Libraries** at Annual. Bruce Connolly, one of the co-winners, was present to receive the award, and said it was "the highlight of his career." My term as Chair of the Leadership Committee commenced with this conference, but the incoming Chair of CLS has asked me to remain on the committee for another two-year term.

Information on the award can be found at:  
<http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/awards/clsproquest.cfm>

The press release on the award co-winners can be found at:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/february2009/acrlproquest.cfm>

I continued my role as Editor of *Cognotes* in Chicago. The bulk of the work of the Editor occurs prior to conference, and Annual involves much more work than I ever thought possible! The list of potential events to cover was over 50 pages long, so refining that and organizing coverage by six reporters was a challenge. During Annual, I covered last-minute events and also worked on doing copy editing for several of the stories turned in by reporters. I truly enjoy this role with ALA and hope to continue for a long time. Because the position of Editor is limited to one year, I will continue working with *Cognotes* as a reporter this next year. In addition to Editor duties, I also wrote the following articles for the paper:

*Cognotes:*

Voeller, Stacy L. "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me." *Cognotes* [Chicago, IL] 11 July 2009: 1. *Cognotes*. American Library Association.

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090711Cognotes\\_Part%201.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090711Cognotes_Part%201.pdf)>

Voeller, Stacy L. "Moving Memorial for Judith F. Krug, Library Champion." *Cognotes* [Chicago, IL] 12 July 2009: 2. *Cognotes*. American Library Association.

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090712Cognotes\\_Part%201.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090712Cognotes_Part%201.pdf)>

Voeller, Stacy L. "Partnerships that Work: Collaboration Between Academic and Public Libraries." *Cognotes* [Chicago, IL] 13 July 2009: 3. *Cognotes*. American Library Association.

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090713Cognotes\\_Part%201.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090713Cognotes_Part%201.pdf)>

Voeller, Stacy L. "Declassifying the Secrecy Hangover through Freedom of Information." *Cognotes* [Chicago, IL] 14 July 2009: 4. *Cognotes*. American Library Association.

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090714Cognotes\\_Part%201.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090714Cognotes_Part%201.pdf)> &  
<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090714Cognotes\\_Part2.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090714Cognotes_Part2.pdf)>

Voeller, Stacy L. "Beals Relates Powerful Story of Faith, Forgiveness." *Cognotes* [Chicago, IL] 14 July 2009: 4. *Cognotes*. American Library Association.

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090714Cognotes\\_Part2.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/20090714Cognotes_Part2.pdf)>

The wrap-up issue will be mailed in a few weeks, and more articles will likely appear there as well.

Personal Schedule for: Stacy Voeller:

Thursday, July 09, 2009

Arrive in Chicago  
Registration & Cognotes Office

Friday, July 10, 2009

Unconference Programs offered by Jim Rettig  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Unit: ALA, Subunit: GOVERNANCE  
Location: Hilton, Room: Northwest 5

Cognotes Reporter Meeting  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Location: McCormick Place West Cognotes Office

MEMORIAL FOR JUDITH KRUG  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Unit: ALA, Subunit: IFC  
Location: Hyatt Regency Chicago, Room: Grand BR A  
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Saturday, July 11, 2009

All Committees Meeting: Leadership Committee  
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Unit: ACRL, Subunit: CLS  
Location: Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Room: Michigan  
This is the committee I chaired. During this meeting, we discussed the recommendations to go before the Executive Board, thought of more ways to promote the application for the award, and worked on assisting the incoming Chair of CLS with choosing a new chair.

Executive  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Unit: ACRL, Subunit: CLS  
Location: Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Room: Superior  
As Chair of the Leadership Committee, I am required to attend Exec. At this meeting, the Leadership Committee's recommendations for modification to the nomination application were unanimously approved.

EBSCO Publishing Academic Library Luncheon  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
Unit: UNO  
Location: Hilton, Room: International BR  
This was a vendor-sponsored event.

The Secret Life of Our Data: Privacy in the Digital Age  
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
Unit: RUSA, Subunit: STARS  
Location: McCormick Place West, Room: W-474  
PRESENTATION  
ALA/PROQUEST SCHOLARSHIP BASH  
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
Unit: ALA  
Location: Art Institute of Chicago  
This was a vendor-sponsored event.

Sunday, July 12, 2009

Our Town, Common Ground: Academic Libraries' Collaboration with Public Libraries

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Unit: ACRL/PLA

Location: Hilton, Room: Williford

Presented award and Covered for Cognotes.

Assessment and Research Committee

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Unit: LITA

Location: Palmer House, Room: Millennium Room

AUDITORIUM SPEAKERS SERIES - JUNOT DIAZ

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Unit: ALA

Location: McCormick Place West, Room: W375

CANCELED

AUDITORIUM SPEAKERS SERIES - ALA PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Unit: ALA

Location: McCormick Place West, Room: W-184

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Monday, July 13, 2009

AUDITORIUM SPEAKERS SERIES-CHARLEMAE ROLLINS PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM FEATURING  
MELBA PATTILO BEALS

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Unit: ALSC

Location: McCormick Place West, Room: W375

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RefWorks-COS Lunch & Learn

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Unit: UNO

Location: Hyatt Regency Chicago, Room: Columbus Hall G/H

This was a vendor-sponsored event.

AUDITORIUM SPEAKERS SERIES - JILL BOLTE TAYLOR, PH.D.

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Unit: ALA

Location: McCormick Place West, Room: W375

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Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

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# NLLN Awards for Professional Engagement Activities

## Statement of need

Northern Lights Library Network advocates for and strengthens all libraries by supporting library professionals in our region who devote time and service to the ongoing work of the profession. These activities take place in many different forms, but it is work above and beyond the daily job and is not continuing education in nature. These activities are considered acts of professional engagement and serve to strength the profession. This work is a benefit to the entire library community.

## Goal

In order to encourage professional engagement, particularly by early career librarians, NLLN will promote this kind of professional engagement and provide encouragement through financial support. NLLN feels that the financial responsibility for this work should not fall exclusively on the individual or on the institution for which the individual may work. These funds acknowledge that the work of librarians to strength their profession and to improve libraries is important and essential work.

## Guidelines

NLLN will provide up to \$1,000.00 per year per individual professional working in an NLLN member library to supplement the overall cost of professional engagement activities.

Professional engagement activities may be regional, state, national, or international. These may be one-time events or ongoing engagement. Examples of eligible activities include such things as holding state or national office in a professional library organization, participating in the committee work of state/national/international professional organizations, participating in task forces and forums pertinent to the library community as a whole, or being a spokesperson on behalf of libraries in a larger arena.

NLLN funds are supplemental in nature and are not intended to cover the entire cost of participation.

An individual may apply by submitting a **Proposal for Funding** to the NLLN Continuing Education Scholarship and Professional Engagement Funds Review Committee. Proposals will include a statement outlining the scope of proposed activities and anticipated value/outcomes of these activities, reason for requesting funds, applicant's institutional/organizational affiliations, and other funding sources that will support participation, including personal and institutional support. Funding may be used for travel, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses.

Each recipient will provide NLLN with written reports on their activities and how these activities have benefited the profession as a whole and/or the library community at large. These written reports will be made available to the larger library community via meetings, conferences, special presentations, and will be posted on the NLLN website.

Funds will be paid out as a reimbursement for expenses approved in the funding proposal. Reimbursement requests must be submitted on the proper form and with receipts. A written report on the professional engagement activity must accompany the request for reimbursement.

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Proposal for Funding FY 2009

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N/A

[Use as much space as necessary to complete these questions.]

1. Statement of Proposed Activity. Please include the scope of the activity, frequency, your role in this activity, and how you will participate (in person, virtual).

Scope: Attend American Library Association's Midwinter and Annual Conferences each year.

Frequency: Twice yearly.

Role: I am Editor of the conference newspaper, Cognotes, for at least the next 2 conferences. This includes Midwinter in Denver (January 2009) and Chicago (July 2009). I am also currently serving as the Chair of the Leadership Committee for ACRL's College Libraries Section for both conferences, and am on LITA's Assessment & Research Committee.

How: In person.

2. Statement of Value. Please let us know why this activity is important to the library profession and/or the larger library community.

This activity is very important as it allows me to be involved with librarians across the United States in the national organization of our profession. Attending ALA and being actively involved on committees and as the Editor of Cognotes also allows me to have meaningful professional development activities while also completing activities important for my job responsibilities which include research and scholarly work. As Chair of the Leadership Committee of the College Libraries Section of ACRL, I was instrumental in establishing CLS's inaugural award for innovation in librarianship, and we will be going through applications during Midwinter in Denver and presenting the first award in Chicago at Annual. This award is called the CLS ProQuest Innovation in College Librarianship Award.

3. Statement of Outcomes. Please let us know what the expected results of this activity will be and how the outcomes will affect the NLLN library community and/or strengthen the profession.

The expected results of this activity will be adding to my record of publication for my personal job responsibilities and will support my future request for promotion to full professor at MSUM. An obvious outcome will be the daily publication of Cognotes at conference, typically 4 issues, and then the wrap-up issue which is mailed out to every ALA member. Currently, that includes over 60,000 issues. Serving in this fashion as a librarian from a smaller school in a smaller community also demonstrates that any librarian can be active in our professional organization and can strengthen the opinion of those of us working in the smaller communities.

4. Sharing this activity. Please let us know how you will share your participation in these activities with others in the library community and NLLN region.

Cognotes, in and of itself, shares itself with the entire ALA community. I am much honored, and feel very fortunate to have joined the Cognotes newspaper. I really learn a lot and feel like I gain so much more insight into the conferences than I ever have before.

While I do receive financial support every year from my employer per my contract, I use that money to pay for my ALA Membership, my PhD program at UND, and for textbooks. That amount currently is \$1300, and does not go very far in covering many of these expenses.

**Projected Expenses/Reimbursement Request**

Complete the expense table that follows.

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Professional Engagement Activity: Attend ALA's Annual Conference in Chicago

Dates of expected participation: July 9-14, 2009

Expense Category	Dates Please list all anticipated dates you will be involved in these activities	Estimated Total Cost for trip	Amount proposed for reimbursement	Amount requested for reimbursement (complete this column when submitting receipts for reimbursement)
Transportation	Air for Chicago currently at \$475		\$475.00	\$387.39
Or Mileage (\$.585)				
Lodging	Hotel on Presentation Request			
Meals	Meals on Presentation Request			
Parking				
Other – please list	Taxi for Chicago = \$50 (estimate)		\$50.00	\$83.55
TOTAL	\$525.00		\$525.00	\$470.94

Signature/Date Stacy L. Voeller July 15, 2009 (electronic signature)

**Office Use:**

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date notified \_\_\_\_\_

Receipts received \_\_\_ Report received \_\_\_ Reimbursement approved/date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_