Center for Research Libraries (CRL)

2020 Council of Voting Members Meeting
Hyatt Regency, Chicago, Illinois
April 23 – 24, 2020

Context and Community: The Center for Research Libraries at 70

What risks and opportunities do library consortia face, and what is the future of collective enterprises for global information services? Today’s Center for Research Libraries represents a partnership among over 200 voting member institutions across the United States and Canada, an enduring model for building collective collections and leveraging shared infrastructure within the research library community. We will use the 2020 CRL Annual Members Meeting to take stock of the CRL partnership as it enters its eighth decade. We will mark our community’s successes and build collective intelligence on the challenges we face both locally and at scale. Most of all, we will lay the foundation on how CRL can best leverage its resources to project its mission into a radically altered knowledge ecosystem and continue to serve as a leading North American consortium for building and stewarding the collective collection.

Confirmed Speakers:

Louise Bernard, Director, Museum of the Obama Presidential Center; Kathy Peiss, Roy F. and Jeanette P. Nichols Professor of American History, University of Pennsylvania; Roger C. Schonfeld, Director, Libraries, Scholarly Communication, and Museums Program, Ithaka S+R; Andrew Stauffer, Associate Professor of English and Director, Book Traces Digital Humanities Project, University of Virginia

Facilitator: Katherine Skinner, Executive Director, Educopia Institute

[Program Schedule]

Thursday, April 23, 2020

8:30 am – Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – Welcome and Call to Order (Virginia Steel, Chair of CRL Board of Directors)

9:10am – Facilitator Stage Setting (Katherine Skinner, Educopia)

9:15am – President’s Report: State of the Consortium (Greg Eow, President, CRL)

10:00 am – Refreshment Break

10:30 am – Secretary’s Report (Brad Schaffner, CRL Secretary)

10:45 am – Budget and Finance Committee (Barbara Dewey, CRL Treasurer)

11:00 am – Nominations Committee (Virginia Steel, Chair, Nominations Committee)

12:00 – 1:30 pm – Lunch

1:30 pm – **Panel: Thinking about Partnerships**

Panel:
- Lisa Browar, President, Linda Hall Library;
- Mike Furlough, Executive Director, HathiTrust;
- Kathleen Richman, Executive Director, LLMC

3:00 pm – Refreshment Break

3:30 pm – **Facilitated Discussion: What should CRL be doing more of, less of, or differently?**

4:30 pm – Day One Wrap-Up and Reflections (Greg Eow, President, CRL)

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Reception

**Friday, April 24, 2020**

8:30 am – Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – Welcome. CRL in Context: Past, Present, Future (Greg Eow, President, CRL)

9:15 am – **Panel: “The Postwar Research Library and the Pasts and Futures of Reading”**

Panel:
- Andrew Stauffer, Associate Professor of English, University of Virginia; Director of the Book Traces Digital Humanities Project
- Louise Bernard, Director, Museum of the Obama Presidential Center

10:30 am – Refreshment Break

11:00 am – **Reflections: Invited Respondents on Program, Discussion and Next Steps**

11:45 am – Closing Reflections (Greg Eow, President, CRL)

Noon – Meeting Adjourns