

State/Region/Chapter Goals and Activity Report

S/R/C: CRLA Northeast Chapter

Date: June 1, 2013

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1. Describe your major S/R/C goal(s) for the past six months
During the past six months our major goals have been the following:
 - a. Plan and conduct our inaugural chapter spring meeting on March 22, 2013.
 - b. Continue the formation of processes to implement the CRLA Northeast By-Laws.
 - c. Create a CRLA Northeast website which will be linked to the CRLA website.
 - d. Continue plans for the annual CRLA Conference to be held in Boston in November, 2013.

2. Activities implemented to accomplish this/these goals (attach documents if appropriate)
 - a. The CRLA Northeast Chapter Spring Meeting was held on March 22, 2013 at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The program is attached. Judi Salsburg Taylor, as the CRLA Northeast Chapter President-Elect, coordinated the planning of this inaugural meeting for our chapter. It was well-attended, and conference evaluations were positive.
 - b. During these past six months, the CRLA Northeast Board held regular phone teleconference calls (January 11, 2013; February 15, 2013; March 1, 2013; and May 17, 2013) and also met at the annual CRLA Northeast Spring Meeting on March 22, 2013. Our meetings were recorded by Marie Basche, our Chapter Secretary. In addition to the planning of our professional development events, our Board focused on the development of budgetary and membership registration processes, which were coordinated by the CRLA Northeast Chapter Treasurer Tina Kondopoulos and the Membership Coordinator Bernard Grindel.
 - c. The web address for our new CRLA Northeast website is <http://crlanortheast.jimdo.com/>. Beth Lisi, our Communications Coordinator, was instrumental in developing our new website.
 - d. Roberta Schotka, the on-site chair of the CRLA Conference in Boston, met with the CRLA Northeast Board through a teleconference call on September 21, 2012 and discussed initial plans for the Fall 2013 meeting. During the CRLA Conference in Houston both Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt and Roberta Schotka also met with members of the CRLA Board to discuss a number of the initial plans. In addition, Roberta Schotka, members of the CRLA Northeast Board, and CRLA members in the northeast hosted a CRLA 2013 Conference exhibit during the Houston conference to inform CRLA members about Boston and to recruit volunteers.
 - e. In addition to the above, Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt and Roberta Schotka attended the Fall 2012 Conference of the Learning Assistance Association of New England (LAANE), which provided CRLA an exhibit display table during their meeting. This association graciously extended an invitation to Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt and Roberta Schotka to speak during the LAANE luncheon so that members would be informed about CRLA activities.

3. Summary of any S/R/C Funding requests including outcomes
Our funding request was to support our keynote speaker expenses for our Spring Meeting. Dr. David Caverly presented both the morning address and an afternoon workshop. Conference evaluations indicated that his presentations were well-received.

4. S/R/C-related activities at the Annual Conference

The CRLA Northeast Chapter will have a notable presence at the up-coming Annual CRLA Conference in Boston, MA since the annual meeting will be held in the Northeast Region. In addition to the regularly scheduled State/Region/Chapter meeting, volunteers from the Northeast Chapter will host the hospitality evenings, assist with registration, assist with hosting special events, and will be available to assist throughout the conference. Roberta Schotka from Wesley College in Massachusetts as the on-site chair has coordinated the local committees to assist with the conference.

5. Describe your major goal(s) for the next six months

There are four key goals for us during the next six months:

- a. Host the CRLA Annual Conference to be held in Boston, November, 2013.
- b. Plan our chapter spring meeting, including selecting the site and keynote speaker.
- c. Provide Board leadership by implementing the By-Laws and providing professional development opportunities for CRLA Northeast Chapter members.
- d. Continue the process of recruiting members to the CRLA Northeast Chapter.

6. What services and activities you are considering to help meet the goal(s)?

- a. We are planning on hosting a hospitality night at the CRLA 2013 Conference, as well as providing support through local volunteers for many of the activities throughout the conference. Roberta Schotka, the local arrangements on-site conference chair, is coordinating these committees. In addition, Judi Salsburg Taylor is planning a Poetry Night during the conference.
- b. Our tentative plans for a Spring 2014 Meeting will be for a one-day meeting in March. Specific plans will be developed in the coming months.
- c. Our Board (see below) holds regularly scheduled conference calls throughout the year in order to plan the professional development activities and events for our Chapter. Included in these activities will be plans for the fall and spring meetings.

CRLA Northeast Chapter 2013-2014 Executive Board

Elected Officers:

President: Judi Salsburg Taylor
President-Elect: Roberta Schotka
Past-President: Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt
Secretary: Marie Basche
Treasurer: Tina Kondopoulos

Appointed Officers:

Membership Coordinator: Bernard Grindel
Communications Coordinator: Beth Lisi

The term of office for the 2013-2014 CRLA Northeast Chapter Executive Board members begins on June 1, 2013 and continues through May 31, 2014.

- d. Bernard Grindel, our Membership Chair, has provided the leadership in coordinating membership efforts. Likewise, Beth Lisi, as the Communications Coordinator, keeps our new CRLA Northeast website up-to-date so that members may be informed of up-coming events.

7. Are you submitting a Funding Request? Yes No

If yes, please submit with this report.

8. Assistance you need from the Coordinator of S/R/Cs and/or the CRLA Board

Assistance is needed to support local arrangement committees for the Annual Conference in Boston, MA in November, 2013. Thank you notes and acknowledgements of their volunteer efforts would be appreciated.

9. Does your S/R/C Page accurately reflect your name and contact information? Yes No

If not, please include updated information.

Due to the change in our Board effective June 1, the new CRLA Northeast Chapter President for 2013-2014 is:

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Respectfully submitted,
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