Educational Services Advisory Committee Minutes
10/16/2025, 10:00am
Zoom meeting

Present: Abby Juda (IC); Lauren Delaubell (SUNY Cortland); Megan Benson (BU); Jessica Philippe (SCRLC)

Excused: Jenny Shonk (FLLS); Brian D. Lee (4CLS)

[Minutes from July 17, 2025](#)

We welcomed Abby Juda from Ithaca College to the committee.

Updates

Lauren: They have a tech services position and a Library Assistant position open. She is on a SUNYLA I.L. committee and a working group that is addressing AI literacy in library instruction. She is also part of an AI fellows group that looks into AI resources. Microsoft 365 Copilot is available across all SUNYs.

Megan: SUNY Binghamton is piloting the 4C framework for AI. They have had to update their library chat feature so that students know that they are talking with a human, not AI. They are doing a hiring push in anticipation of a hiring freeze. They have two new AUL's and it's going well so far. She will be taking a sabbatical starting in July next year. She put in a proposal for a book, along with other professors on "ungrading," an alternative to student assessment with the standard grading system. She has been looking at the NYS Portrait of a Graduate.

Abby: Laura Kuo is their new director. They have no current job openings and lost 2 positions, plus Laura is no longer doing instruction, so they've had to reconceptualize their teaching team. AI has also been a focus for them as well.

Other thoughts on AI
Networking events to share information would be useful. Workshops like an AI playdate. How to roll out AI at your institution. Body doubling.

Recent Events
The recent events review was shared in the [meeting agenda](#). The highlights included "It's an Art, Not a Science" on 9/23, and the eight sessions of Regional Conversations we've had so far. The ESLN Webinar "The Ultimate AI Policy for Your Library" with Stephanie "Cole" Adams on 9/11 had 542 registered!

Upcoming Events:

- [Final Regional Conversation](#)- anyone welcome, 10/29

- ESLN Program at the NYLA Conference- [ESLN Comedy Hour and Luncheon](), 11/6
- [ESLN Webinar: Critical Data Storytelling for Libraries](), 11/19
- [Lunch & Learn: Medical Librarians Supporting Pharmacists](), 12/2
- ESLN series on HR topics

Educational Services Advisory Committee Goals
We reviewed the goals for the upcoming fiscal year. One change will be that we no longer do a biennial education needs assessment because the state now requires an annual membership needs assessment. So this committee will contribute to the annual assessment instead.

POS
We talked about how the continuing education environment has changed over the last few years since that will need to be addressed for the next POS (so many more webinars available; most are free; people can't get away as easily; they are more distracted; webinars are more interactive). We reviewed the previous POS goals and felt that they still applied. The current goal that mentions being responsive to change could address AI in a very general way- "flexible to adapting to emerging technologies. One additional goal would be to bring together library staff from different library types to address challenges. We could ask members "What is something your library wants?" and form interest groups around that. Focus on regional speakers.

Next Steps:
Here are the 2025-2026 [Educational Services Advisory Committee Goals](). At the January meeting, we will finalize drafted education goals for the 5-year Plan of Service and discuss 2026 Winter/ Spring programs.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule- mark your calendars!
Thursday, January 15, 10:00-11:00am (Zoom)
Thursday, April 30, 10:00-11:00am (Zoom)