

New Professionals Special Interest Group

Amanda Irvine & Doris Wagner (co-chairs)

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Activities since Conference:

1. Doris Wagner agreed to stay on one more year as co-chair with Amanda Irvine.
2. **Virtual Meet-Ups:** One virtual meeting has been held since the conference. Due to lack of interest we decided to minimize our meet ups to 4-5 per year including the business meeting. During the meet-ups we discuss any business arising and include a discussion question which range from fun and informal to more educational and information sharing. We're planning a fun meet-up in trivia form before the holidays.
3. **NPSIG Welcome Letter:** The co-chairs updated the 'welcome letter', which we posted on the CALL forum as well as shared it with the NP-SIG listserv.
4. We advised NP-SIG members that we would move to posting things on the forum, but for now we'd still be including things on the listserv until people signed up to the forum.

Ongoing activities/new special projects:

- NP-SIG co-chairs hosted a successful Speed Networking event at the 2023 Conference and have been approached about hosting another event at the upcoming 2024 conference, which the co-chairs are interested in doing.
- On an ongoing basis we are checking in with our members to see what they would like and are interested in.
- We will be reviewing the documents on the CALL SIGs page, and updating them as required.
- Once the theme/ topic of the CALL 2024 Conference is announced the NP-SIG will consider putting forward a conference session proposal.
- We will look at recruiting two new co-chairs as both Doris and Amanda's terms will finish in 2024.
- We will actively be looking into how to increase member involvement in the NP-SIG. It has been difficult to get people to join meetings including the business meeting. During



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the pandemic meet-up where much better attended and people were more interested.
We will be connecting with Donna Sikorsky, the SIG liaison about this.

Any considerations/questions for the executive board:

- Ideas to increase membership and attendance at meetings.
 - e.g. NP-SIG rep on the 2024 Conference Planning Committee & New Librarians Institute would be two things to possibly consider.