

**District 2 Meeting**  
**May 4, 2022–2:00 p.m. (virtual)**

**Attending:**

Angela Davis (Director, 2022-23)—Pitt CC  
Michelle Milliken (Vice-Director, 2022-23)—Sampson CC  
Stephanie Bowers (CCLINC Representative, 2022-23)—Pitt CC  
Elizabeth Baker—(CCCLA Representative, 2022-23)—Carteret CC  
Anthony Arcangeli—Beaufort County CC  
Norrine Burton—Coastal Carolina CC  
Sally Goodman—Coastal Carolina CC  
Paul Goodson—Pamlico CC  
Nicole Vandiford—Coastal Carolina CC

Director Angela Davis brought the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., and requested that everyone review the previous meeting minutes (from March 18, 2022) so we could vote to accept. The minutes were accepted as written.

Angela noted that at the last NCCCLA Executive Board meeting it was determined that the redistricting idea presented at the March conference merits further discussion.

Next up was the question of what we would like to do for our next district meeting, projected to be held this summer. Some voiced a preference for a return to the traditional way of meeting in person, if enough folks would be comfortable with that. Although there was general agreement that this would be the first choice, some concerns were raised as to the feasibility of travel due to budget and low staffing. Angela proposed a “hybrid” meeting as some other organizations have done lately, with an in-person get-together that would include a livestream of the presentation and business meeting for those who could only attend virtually.

As to where it might be held and what type of professional development activity we might have, the idea was floated that we could explore the emerging trend of virtual reality (VR) rooms set up for campus-wide use (Craven CC has already done this and Pitt CC is investigating the possibility). This idea was enthusiastically accepted, and Angela said she would contact Craven’s library director Wendy White to see if Wendy would be willing to host and/or give a presentation on the VR room she currently has up and running. Angela will send out details as they become available.

Angela then asked if there was anything to report from CCLINC; Stephanie Bowers reminded members to send along any concerns/issues/potential system changes for consideration by the Cataloging Subcommittee and/or the Steering Committee.

Elizabeth Baker reported that there has not been a CCCLA meeting for a while, but a survey was recently sent out on the question of whether they should pursue the idea of becoming a subsection under the umbrella of NCCCLA.

General discussion on the various goings-on at our libraries included: the administrative burdens of QEP and SACS work, the state of our recent renovations (some at the cost of reduced library space), and the extreme difficulties of keeping the doors open and service quality intact at those libraries struggling daily with severe staffing shortages.

Sally Goodman informally surveyed the group on the percentage currently being spent on print resources compared to electronic, the consensus being that print spending has gone down significantly in the past several years. This is not entirely due to recent online-only COVID protocols; there has been a steady trend of print materials not being assigned/requested as frequently as in years gone by.

Since database use is correspondingly up, it was suggested that a good topic for a future meeting might be a review of database statistics in light of those getting the most usage, as well as the presentation of a few “featured” databases that not all libraries might have (Pitt CC, for example, has the much-used JoVE for science/STEM videos; several libraries reported their enjoyment of Dogwood Digital, which has proven to be especially useful for such things as graphic novels). Along with this could be a discussion of the best methods for keeping up with the stats/organization of database information and/or some effective ways to market new databases to our library communities.

Success stories shared included that of the wildly popular graphic novel club sponsored by Coastal Carolina library in conjunction with their Student Government Association (an effort, they say, that “helps with retention”), and the infectiously enthusiastic Early College High School Battle of the Books group co-coached by Pitt CC librarians, which, in their first year of competition, took third place at regionals.

Sally also shared that she will be retiring on July 29th (congrats Sally—we will surely miss you!).

Elizabeth posed the question of advancing to the NCCCLA Advocacy Committee the seemingly universal concern of library staffing issues. Michelle Milliken, who is a member of that committee, mentioned that they have not been active for “a while.”

Angela, who also serves as NCCCLA Webmaster, reminded the group to send her items for the newsletter, especially for the “Featured Library” section—these don’t have to be about the library in general, but could focus on a successful project or favorite venture (such as the graphic novel club at Coastal). Pictures are especially welcome!

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Stephanie Bowers (for Leigh Russell, District 2 Secretary, 2022-23)