



SUNY's ALEPH User Group Announces its Annual Meeting

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What is a SUNYAUG? Is it a new type of animal? NO! It is the newly founded [SUNY ALEPH Users Group](#). According to the by-laws, the purpose of the Group is:

1. To provide a forum for discussion of issues and concerns for member institutions.
2. To provide a forum for education among members
3. To establish and maintain formal lines of communication with the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), the North American Aleph Users' Group (NAAUG), and Ex Libris.
4. To formulate, coordinate, and recommend enhancements to the NAAUG.

Efforts to create SUNYAUG started last year with a committee headed by Linda Frank of Tompkins Cortland Community College. The committee wrote up a set of proposed by-laws that were then voted on and endorsed by the SUNY Librarians Association ([SUNYLA](#)). While SUNYLA was active in getting SUNYAUG started, it is independent of SUNYLA . SUNYAUG's website can be found at <http://library.morrisville.edu/sunyaug/>

The current officers are:

Chair
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Joe Petrick (Alfred College of Technology)
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Enhancements Chair
Linda Frank (Tompkins-Cortland Community College)
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The users group has been busy since late fall getting organized. Our first big effort was getting all the SUNYConnect campuses to appoint a representative to the group. All 60 campuses that have signed up for ALEPH have appointed a delegate. The list of delegates is available at the SUNYAUG website. A SUNYAUG delegate is the liaison between the group and the library. Each delegate will be able to vote at the general meetings.

The users group currently has two standing committees. The **Enhancements Committee** is chaired by Linda Frank. According to the by-laws the committee:

- Shall consist, where feasible, of members representing each of the functioning modules of ALEPH as well as members representing each type of SUNY campus e.g. university center, college, technology college, community college. Each member shall have, where feasible, a working knowledge of the module he/she represents.
- Shall determine a fair and equitable process by which enhancement requests from the membership may be submitted, evaluated, and prioritized.

- Shall present a chronicle of its work and decisions at the annual membership meeting.

The Meeting Planning Committee is chaired by Joe Petrick of Alfred College of Technology. The committee is currently working on the first SUNYAUG annual conference. Joe Petrick put out the following call for participation:

The SUNYAUG Meeting Planning Committee invites applications for participation in the 1st SUNYAUG Conference, September 19, 2003 at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY.

Presentations and panels may be proposed on topics relating to Aleph and its implementation. Workshop presenters from SUNY units that have implemented Aleph are encouraged to submit presentation proposals, and will focus on practical aspects of using the system. Topics could include such things as:

1. Acquisitions module workflow
2. Publication patterns and the MARC format for holdings
3. Implementing course reserves
4. Troubleshooting/where to go for support

Following the SUNYLA format, this year's conference will offer both 45-minute and 90-minute time slots. Please select the length that would be most appropriate for your session. If this is a panel discussion, please include names and SUNY units for all participants. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send your:

Name
 Title
 Email address
 SUNY unit at which you are employed
 Title of your session
 Preferred session length
 Abstract of your proposal
 Equipment needed
 Names and SUNY units of additional participants (if any)

to: Joseph Petrick: petricja@alfredstate.edu

The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2003. We are looking forward to seeing you in Syracuse!

SUNYAUG is your users group! We are looking for people to serve on the two standing committees. If you are interested, contact any of the officers or the committee chairs. Submit a presentation for the conference. If you have questions about SUNYAUG, feel free to contact me. See you in ALEPHland!



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