



ASERL Deans Survey – Fall 2018

What professional organizations do you value most?

Summary Results

n = 22 (58% response rate)

	top choice	score	2nd choice	score	3rd choice	score	TOTAL SCORE	# times Selected
ASERL	9	45	4	12	2	2	59	15
CNI	3	15	5	15	6	6	36	14
ARL	3	15	3	9	4	4	28	10
My state coalition	2	10	3	9	1	1	20	6
CLIR	2	10	1	3	0	0	13	3
Other (specify)	0	0	2	6	4	4	10	6
TRLN	2	10	0	0	0	0	10	2
CRL	1	5	0	0	1	1	6	2
HathiTrust	0	0	2	6	0	0	6	2
DPLA	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	1
NERL	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	1
DLF	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
LYRISIS	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1

Not ranked by any respondent in Top 3: AP Trust, DPN, Educopia / Library Publishing Coalition, LOCKSS, OCLC Research Library Program, SPARC.

NOTE: Seven respondents (32%) did not select ASERL as one of the top 3 most valuable professional organizations.

“Other” organizations ranked in top 3 (write-in):

- Ranked #2: Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC)
- Ranked #2: University Library Advisory Council (UNC system) (ULAC)
- Ranked #3: International Association of University Libraries (IATUL)
- Ranked #3: Carolina Consortium
- Ranked #3: Triad Academic Libraries Association (TALA)
- Ranked #3: EDUCAUSE

Member Comments/Feedback on Valued Organizations

Q1. What professional organization do you find *most valuable* in your role as library dean/director?

ASERL – 9 comments

- ASERL: Regional peers
- ASERL: Journal Retention (Scholar's Trust), Ability to interact with colleagues (Especially dinner groups), Flexibility to deal with day to day issues
- ASERL: Networking with directors, professional development/training opps (webinars) and engagement opportunities for library staff.
- ASERL: Meetings (including programming, networking and fellowship), webinars, Collaborative Fed Depository Program
- ASERL: Building relationships with other library deans. Collection sharing arrangements. Webinars.
- ASERL: Collegiality and expertise
- ASERL: Exceptional mentoring and networking; truly beneficial initiatives that improve library performance on campus; a great sandbox and exploration environment for research libraries.
- ASERL: Peer network with other deans
- ASERL: The multiple collaborations, networking, visits to other libraries during conferences, and other projects.

CNI – 3 comments

- CNI: Meetings highlighting new technology issues in higher education
- CNI: Project reports at meetings share cutting-edge information projects
- CNI: Future focused programming.

ARL – 2 comments

- ARL: ARL collects and shares the comparative data that I use most frequently in reporting to stakeholders.
- ARL: It's just part of the membership...

CLIR – 2 comments

- CLIR: I put CLIR first since we currently have funding from them for a 2-year post-doc position.
- CLIR: Re-granting programs, such as Hidden Collections; post-doc programs; leadership development programs - Leading Change Institute; intl initiatives such as Digital Library of the Middle East

My state consortium -- 2 Comments

- VIVA -- Provision of significant digital scholarly content (funded by state appropriations and also cost-sharing among member institutions), ILL/Document Delivery (partially state subsidized), and the (newer) OERs program (supported by state appropriations).
- VIVA licenses content for Virginia institutions of higher education to the tune of \$16 million each year. The Steering Committee meets four times a year and I know everyone very well.

TRLN – 2 comments

- TRLN: Proximity; size
- TRLN: Deep collaboration.

Center for Research Libraries – 1 comment

- CRL: Access to content we can't afford and ILL with Linda Hall Library

Q2. What is another professional organization that you find *highly valuable*?

CNI – 5 comments

- CNI: Kind of on the front end of what is really happening in libraries.
- CNI: Up to date workshops on a multitude of technology subjects.
- CNI: Get a lot of understanding of how libraries fit into the larger IT and higher education landscape at conferences and through studies and emails.
- CNI: Not being an ARL Library, this organization's meetings offer access to ARL members and cutting-edge developments.
- CNI: Excellent conferences in which cutting edge research and activities are explained and exposed for comment by peers; good for recruitment

ASERL – 3 comments

- ASERL: ASERL's collaborations, professional learning opportunities, and networking are most valued.
- ASERL: The smaller group makes it easier to meet people and serves as a gateway to ARL. Also, the webinars and other consortia partnerships
- ASERL: ASERL gives me a broad perspective on trends in higher education and libraries; It also allows me to build my network and learn from my peers.

ARL – 3 comments

- ARL: national peers, national advocacy agenda
- ARL: Networking with folks from similar kinds of organizations

- ARL: Networking with North American research library directors.

My state consortium – 3 comments

- Offers Shared Library Services Platform, Shared Storage Facility
- Provides opportunities for collaborative actions and services
- Provides indispensable access to research-level collections; multi-type library environment in which representatives adopt future-looking vision for diverse communities; strong networking and mutual mentoring.

HathiTrust – 2 comments

- HathiTrust: Hathi is tackling some of the most challenging issues in managing legacy print collections and creating innovative digital products
- HathiTrust: Digital collections and text-mining at scale. Collaboration around a core set of functions and strategies.

Other – 2 comments

- UNC Library Advisory Council (ULAC): F2F meetings (including networking, fellowship & peer group), OER program, shared eprint program, ejournal efficiencies program - showing value to UNC system/administrators
- WRLC: Shared resources (among nine institutions), Shared Collections Facility, and (now) consortium-wide partnership for Alma/Primo VE platform.

CLIR – 1 comment: Grant programs and publications

DPLA – 1 comment: Syndication of our local digital collections

NERL – 1 comment: Collection development/ consortia buying

Q3. Is there another professional organization you find *highly valuable*? If yes, please select it below.

CNI – 6 comments

- CNI: Focus on research library IT
- CNI: Their reports, meetings, and special meetings always seem to be timely & helpful
- CNI: Opportunities to build professional knowledge and awareness.

- CNI: current awareness - not only what is produced by/thru CNI but other news/publications they share. Should not that we're not a member. My prior institution was, and CNI has allowed me to stay on their email distribution list.
- CNI: Awareness of the most important trends at national and international level.
- CNI: Exposes me to projects across libraries that are technical and innovative. Because libraries across the US are members, I get the broadest perspective and network of all three of my top choices. The meetings are one night, which makes attending possible. The time commitment is minimal.

ARL – 3 comments

ARL: networking with other leaders to discuss common issues

- ARL: Connections with other research libraries. Participating in national level issues.
- ARL: Umbrella organization for many concerns and challenges facing research libraries, especially in staff development, federal policy issues, and longer-term strategic visioning and planning.
- ARL: Advocacy

ASERL – 2 comments

- ASERL: For the (increasing) overall ASERL program ... the many great things ASERL does well and/or enables ... including shared resources (ILL/Document Delivery) among member institutions and, as well, professional development and current awareness on cutting-edge topics and developments.
- ASERL: Love my ASERL colleagues!
- Carolina Consortium: Shared database/ejournal package assessment, negotiating, licensing, acquisition. Tim Bucknall rocks!

Other – 2 comments

- IATUL: International collaboration opportunities - aligned with University strategic plan.
- Triad Academic Libraries Consortium (TALA): Regional cooperative services and programming

CRL – 1 comment: Collections

DLF – 1 comment: Picking three is hard. DLF has terrific programming and relevant conferences. I find them inspiring.

LYRASIS – 1 comment: Grants to support our innovation efforts.

My state consortium – 1 comment: The economic value from shared purchasing power and centralized functions is extraordinary.

Q4. LASTLY: If you find other organizations to be noteworthy in their value to you as a library dean/director, please list the organization(s) and the reason(s) you find them valuable below.

- ACRL - publications & statistics
- AERA - scholarly therapy from my everyday job!
- ALA/ACRL for committee work.
- ARL is both exasperating and important
- ARL.
- CLIR - we also get grants and discounts for other activities we could not otherwise afford.
- CNI: a trusted, effective, highly-skilled collaboration of institutions to which we can always turn for technology assessments, understanding evolving trends in the digital environment, and mutual mentoring and consultation.
- I didn't rank ASERL as I approached it thinking "other than ASERL". I would put it #1. most value is having a network of peers to learn from.
- I find value in ARL as well - it is good for conversations about the profession and networking with peers. Information sharing is also valuable.
- Ivy+ library directors group is the most useful organization of all for our libraries
- NCICU (NC Independent Colleges & Universities) -- we partner together to support NC LIVE and have several statewide interest groups
- Other very noteworthy organizations (in no particular order): CNI (where the future of technological developments are previewed); ARL (though not a member, extremely valuable for tracking issues and developments in research librarianship); SPARC (connectedness to developments in this space and sustained group advocacy) HathiTrust (provision of scholarly content); Library Publishing Coalition (as a "pioneer," keeping abreast of developments in this space).
- Our directors group at the state system level.
- SPARC - keeps me abreast of all that is going on in government regarding OA type of issues...
- SPARC - leading the cause for open access and big package deal inflation in the absence of anyone else