Subject: [alctsnews] Committee Reports from Division and Sections [#ALCTS Division ALCTS Program Committee]
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This report is for (name of the group): ALCTS Program Committee

Division or Section? ALCTS Division

Meeting Date Saturday, February 10, 2018

Meeting Time 8:50:00 AM

Members Present plus Guests Heylicken (Hayley) Moreno (co-chair), Marianne Hanley (co-chair), Nettie Lagace (member), Sarah Wallbank (member), Jeanne Piascik (member), Eleanor Cook (Acquisitions Section Representative), Maria Collins (Board liaison), Paul Moeller (Continuing Resources Section Representative), Richard Guajardo (member), Megan Dougherty (ALCTS Staff liaison), Keri Cascio (ALCTS Executive Director)

Online: Nannette Naught (member)

Report

The Program Committee held two business meetings during the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver, Colorado. The first meeting, held on Saturday, February 10th focused on several agenda items: implementation of the ALA program remodel, the program committee liaison role, discussion on ALCTS virtual events (virtual Midwinter symposium and Annual virtual preconference), and the working document of realignment between ALCTS, LITA, and LLAMA. Members of the committee agreed that one of the most positive aspects of the ALA program remodel was the software used to evaluate programs. The software was very user friendly and efficient. Unfortunately, we did face challenges with the remodel, especially in the areas of communication and deadlines. There were instances in the remodel process where the committee was unaware of what was going on and needed to constantly ask for clarification from ALA conference services. There were also several changes to the deadlines which caused issues for us since we schedule several processes around the deadlines that were given at the beginning of the programming cycle. The next item discussed was the role of program committee members as liaisons to program planners. Program committee chairs wanted to receive feedback on how committee members felt about their liaison role this cycle. It seemed many of the new committee members were still unclear on what their responsibilities were as liaisons. Some also stated that depending on the experience of the program planner, their role as liaison may be less or more active. Program committee chairs will be reevaluating how they can improve the role for liaisons and clarify their responsibilities in our procedural documentation. The third item discussed was that of virtual events: Midwinter symposium and Annual virtual preconference. For the last several years the committee has not received proposals in these types of virtual events and have needed to solicit proposals from ALCTS committees and interest groups. Some of the ideas that were brought up to improve these processes is to make the call for proposal earlier, have a sub-committee that focuses on these types of events, or form a taskforce to investigate the issues surrounding virtual events. Finally, the last agenda item was on the working paper for realignment between ALCTS, LITA and LLAMA. Most present at the meeting
thought that this was a step in the right direction by helping our divisions stay sustainable. Many agreed that with the commonalities found among these divisions, it’s worth finding ways we can collaborate with one another. For programming, there are some challenges that currently prohibit this type of collaboration. In the new ALA program remodel, program planners can only submit proposals to one division or organization within ALA. Divisions aren’t allowed to look at each other programs. If the divisions want to provide unique programming and not create competition, it would be worth allowing the programming process to be more open.

The second business meeting, held on Monday, February 12th focused primarily on the ALCTS chairs division meeting. One of the co-chairs presented on some of the ALCTS programming changes due to the ALA program remodel and how we would like to collaborate more with divisions (based on the working paper for realignment between ALCTS, LITA, and LLAMA). She explained that many at the ALCTS division chairs meeting agreed that programming needs to be more collaborative among the divisions. Our committee also discussed further the role of liaisons among its members and it sparked a discussion on the need for a better process regarding onboarding new committee members. The co-chairs will be discussing this further to see what steps can be taken to help new committee members assimilate to the programming cycle.