

ACRL Arts

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Washington, DC – Annual 2010 Meeting Minutes

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Arts Section

Executive Committee and General Membership Meeting Minutes

American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference 2010

Sunday, June 27, 2010, 10:30am (Eastern)

Washington Plaza, Jefferson Room, Washington, DC

Attendees

Adam Burling, Mary M. Carr, Tom Caswell, Caroline Caviness (recorder), Joe Clark, Claudia Covert, Roland Hansen, Kathleen Haefliger, William Hemmig, Eric Kidwell, Bettina Smith, Megan Smith-Heafy, Michael Pearce, Yen Tran, Susan Wiesener.

Agenda

The meeting was convened at 10:39 a.m. EST.

Welcome

Chair William Hemmig welcomed Section members to the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the Midwinter 2010 Arts Section Executive Board and General Membership virtual meeting were approved as submitted.

Section Report from Chair (William Hemmig)

Welcome of incoming Vice Chair/Chair Elect

W. Hemmig extended a special welcome to Megan Smith-Heafy as the incoming Vice Chair/Chair Elect.

Invitation to attend 2010 Program, Monument Tour, first meeting of Digital Arts Discussion Group

The Art's Section annual 2010 program is entitled "How We Memorialize: The Art and Politics of Public Memorialization." It will take place Sunday, June 27, 1:30-3:30 pm, Renaissance Washington, Congressional Hall A/B and all are invited to attend.

The Digital Arts Discussion Group

The inaugural meeting will take place later today and the group will be charting a course for the future. Lucie Stylianopolous will be the Convener of the group. However, she is currently researching in Greece, so Ann Medaille will fill in as convener for the Digital Arts Discussion Group.

ACRL approval of 2011 Program

The 2011 program, "Multimedia Metadata: controlled vocabularies across time and space" has been officially approved. It will address metadata standardization for the performing arts – a subject that is of interest to the

section and is important to take a leading role in. The ALCTS Metadata Interest group has agreed to be a name-only sponsor.

We have also agreed to be a name-only co-sponsor of the WESS/SEES program on contemporary European cinema. The Film and Broadcast librarians will be coordinating with WESS/SEES on this.

Report on meetings of ACRL Leadership Council and Communities of Practice Assembly

W. Hemmig attended the Communities of Practice Assembly and learned that the ACRL Board is discussing a dues increase, as well as a restructuring of the dues increase approval process. The dues increase proposal will likely be on the election ballot in 2012, after a membership-wide discussion.

The Leadership Council is continuing to rework the Council of Liaisons structure and is still looking for input from members.

There was also much discussion about changing the basic services funding for sections. The proposed funding for our section's membership level would be a base allocation of \$1,000. The rationale for increasing funding is to prevent funds going unused because there isn't enough to work with.

Nomination of new ALA representative to IFLA Art Libraries Standing Committee

We were asked to nominate an ALA rep to the IFLA standing committee. We are responsible for nominating two representatives, and with Ed Teague's term coming to a close, the Executive Committee has nominated Tom Caswell. The Executive Committee has submitted their nomination to the International Relations Committee, who will then send their recommendations to the ACRL Board. The elections will take place in April and then T. Caswell would assume his term in August.

Thanks to outgoing Newsletter Editor and Web Coordinators

W. Hemmig expressed gratitude on behalf of the section to Kristina Keogh for serving as newsletter editor, and also to Beth Kerr and Megan Smith-Heafy for serving as webmasters.

Image Resources Interest Group Visual Literacy Standards

The ACRL Image Resources Interest Group is working on an overhaul of the visual literacy standards. As this is of great interest to our section, A. Medaille has volunteered to serve on the Task Force and T. Caswell will serve on the Advisory Group.

Report from ACRL Program Coordinator (Adam Burling)

In addition to the information W. Hemmig supplied about the basic services funding, A. Burling re-stated that the funding is meant to be used for any activity in support of the section – with the exception of using funds to support the attendance of a Section member at ALA conferences or other conferences. Instead, the section could use the basic services funding to provide wireless access for our meetings, for example.

Board Liaison Mary Carr added that the issue of whether or not it is permissible to use funds towards the purchase of software is still under discussion. If the section is interested in using the basic services funding to purchase software, we can discuss it with A. Burling and he can work it out with ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen Davis.

Michael Pearce, incoming Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, asked if it would be possible to get a list of the email addresses of the entire arts membership, specifically those that have open contact preferences, as the committee is considering the possibility of conducting a membership survey. A. Burling responded that if we are doing a survey it should be sent to him, as ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen Davis would like to look it over to provide suggestions and feedback. Thus, when the survey is ready, we can forward it to A. Burling, along with a request for the membership email list.

W. Hemmig asked if there has been any feedback about the compressed conference schedule, and pointed out that it has been difficult for everyone to accomplish all they need to, as a result of scheduling conflicts. M. Carr will be checking on this, and will find out what the general sense has been.

ACRL Board Liaison (Mary Carr)

The board is discussing an increase to the membership dues. As there hasn't been an increase since 2005, the association dues are about \$9 behind the amount determined by the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI). The goal is to bring the dues in-line with the HEPI Index; dues would not increase beyond that.

Studies have shown that members have an easier time understanding incremental increases – if we want services to meet membership needs we want to keep pace with the costs. The board is discussing how they might simplify the process in the future, in order to keep up with the HEPI Index. Currently any increase requires a membership-wide vote. Regardless, the membership would have to vote on any proposed increase, as well as whether or not to allow the board to bring dues amounts in-line with the HEPI Index without its going to a general membership vote.

Before determining any increase amounts, the board has requested more information on the dues amounts of other library organizations. At this point, we can expect that there will not be an increase until 2012, at the earliest.

As Mary Carr's term concludes, our new Board Liaison will be Mark Emmons, from the University of New Mexico Libraries. Mary thanked the section for being a great group to work with. We all thanked her for her constant availability and responsiveness. The section also thanked Adam Burling for his efforts.

Vice Chair's Report (Claudia Covert)

In order to plan for the future, C. Covert is asking committee chairs to provide an idea of how many members they'd like to have on their committees. As a result of this information, she and Chair Elect Megan Smith-Heafy can gain an improved sense of how to allocate members.

Special mention and congratulations to Bill Hemmig and Bucks County Community College for winning ACRL's 2010 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award! In the future maybe we might also consider giving an award for excellence in arts librarianship.

Beginning July 6th C. Covert will be going on a yearlong sabbatical. She will still be very involved with the section in her role as incoming Chair.

Old Business

Status of Newsletter Editor within the Section's organization

According to the Arts Section bylaws, the Newsletter Editor is a member of the Executive Committee but has not thus far been included in the executive roster. It was suggested that this structure of the Executive Committee was likely the standard when the section newsletter was the primary means of communication with members and the public, but this has fallen out of practice and the Governance Procedures have not been updated accordingly.

W. Hemmig offered the following motion: The section will update Section F of the Governance Procedures to change from current wording to read:

Officers: The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, the Immediate Past Chair, and a Secretary. All officers are elected.

Terms of Office: The Vice-Chair will serve successively for one year as Vice-Chair, Chair and Immediate Past Chair. The Secretary serves for two years. All terms of office shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

The motion passed unanimously.

We will submit a pdf report of the revised document to A. Burling and it *should go up on the website.*

Midwinter 2010: Discussion of Virtual Meetings

The Executive Committee meeting was productive but attendance was low. As this past meeting was held on the weekend of the conference it was suggested that people would be more amenable to attending from work than from home. We could hold the Executive Committee on a weekday, rather than a weekend. Those attending from the conference found problems with the platform and internet connection. Attending from work may alleviate these issues.

As far as choosing a platform, ACRL will be moving to iLink. Dim Dim was also suggested as it allows one person to control the screen. C. Covert suggested that something that included voice would be helpful to keep it synchronous.

A. Burling stated that we would still need to submit meeting minutes and provide the membership with at least 10 days advanced notice. Committees can still make their own decisions about whether to meet virtually.

New Business

Member preferences for virtual or face-to-face meetings for Midwinter 2011

Many will be attending Midwinter in San Diego but we could still agree to meet virtually. C. Covert will put it up for discussion on the section blog and then try to decide before the September window for requesting sessions.

A. Burling suggested we might reach out to EBSS as they've been successfully conducted several virtual meetings and sessions.

Name only co-sponsorship for 2011 WESS/SEES Program and 2011 IRIG Information Literacy Standards Program

A motion was put forth to accept name-only sponsorship for both of these sessions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Anyone interested in planning those programs should contact W. Hemmig or C. Covert.

Reports of Committee Chairs/Discussion Group Conveners

Program Planning 2010

Eric Kidwell made special mention that he and Shannon Van Kirk, the Program Planning Committee Co-Chairs, have been very impressed with the efforts and enthusiasm of the entire program planning committee which includes: Anne Medaille, Tara Spies, and Eamon Tewell.

On behalf of the committee, E. Kidwell also extended thanks to ARTstor, for their financial support in making the program possible.

Program Planning 2011/Digital Technologies and the Arts

A. Medaille is doing the PR for this year's program and she has shared her lessons with incoming committee members.

For 2011 they would like a really vibrant discussion, bringing together ALA/ACRL members as well as researchers to talk about how they are accessing materials with metadata. They are particularly looking for researchers from a variety of areas, including landscape architecture and archaeology, to speak.

As far as budgeting, things are going forward. W. Hemmig pointed out they weren't limited to their budget as they can also use the basic services fund. The committee should let A. Burling know about any outside sponsors.

Nominating Committee 2011

W. Hemmig is the Committee Chair and will be seeking candidates for section Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Committee will also be seeking a third committee member, so anyone with suggestions should get in touch with Bill.

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Committee did not meet at the All Committees Meeting. The past Chair has resigned, so Michael Pearce will take over. The Committee will be looking at ACRL's Strategic Plan and will then take a survey of our group to see where we fit in to the Strategic Plan. The Committee will also be taking a close look into who our membership to prepare something that can guide us for next 5-10 years. M. Pearce will be looking for additional committee members in the future.

Membership & Outreach

The Committee discussed the section's Facebook page, Twitter account, and blog, focusing on how to best utilize these media outlets and how to streamline the workflow. They also discussed alternative methods for outreach, possibly planning a social event for annual. This is something to think more about, as it has been successful for other sections.

The committee also recently sent out an announcement to all the library schools about the section, requesting that the announcement be sent to the student listservs.

Many thanks to Megan Smith-Heafy for a wonderful two years! Joe Clark is the incoming chair of Membership and Outreach.

Publications & Research

The Committee discussed the ArtsGuide – looking towards the future for new editors. They also discussed the option of making the ArtsGuide a webpage, instead of just a pdf and google map. In regards to the virtual discussion forum, everyone, including the presenters, agreed the Pecha Kucha format went really well. The Committee discussed ways to increase attendance at the forum. The Committee is currently seeking at least one more member.

Many thanks to Caroline and all the contributors for the most recent ArtsGuide. The ALA webpage linked to it as a recommended link.

Dance Librarians Discussion Group

The Committee's discussion centered on examining the role of a dance librarian. They are considering creating a brochure, similar to what the music librarian discussion group. The Committee is also thinking about potential collaborations with other groups.

Thanks to Adam Burling for helping to get the Dance Librarians Discussion Forum off the ground.

Film & Broadcast Librarians Discussion Group

The Committee offered no report.

Member announcements; Closing remarks

K. Haefliger and S. Wiesner are requesting more Program Planning Committee members and will be putting out a call for that soon.

The information on the Smithsonian Institute of Art's Open House tomorrow can be found on their website. It will be held from 2-4 pm.

W. Hemmig expressed that he has had a wonderful 2 years – and thanked everyone for doing wonderful work. He gratefully passed the baton to Claudia Covert, the incoming Chair. Thank you Bill for all your hard work, we look forward to working with you Claudia!

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Caviness, Arts Section Secretary