

**ACRL – COLLEGE LIBRARY SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 23, 2007
WASHINGTON, DC**

MINUTES

Present: Lis Chabot (chair), Steven Bell (vice-chair/chair-elect), Kate Hickey (secretary), Dawn Thistle (member at large), Susan Barnes Whyte (member at large), Robin Wagner (past chair), Ethelle Bean (Leadership Committee chair), Adam Burling (ACRL), Lynda Duke (Conference Planning 2007 Committee co-chair), Peter Gilbert (webmaster), Lori Goetsch (ACRL liaison), Irene Herold (incoming vice-chair), Cecilia Knight (Conference Planning 2007 co-chair), Rob Lenholt (Research Committee chair), Kitty McNeill (Membership Committee chair), Elin O'Hara (Continuing Education Committee), John Pollitz (Medium-sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group), Celia Rabinowitz (incoming member-at-large), Michele Reid (Standards Committee chair), Debra Rollins (Continuing Education Committee co-chair), J. Michael Thompson (Communications Committee chair), Ann Watson (CLIP Notes Committee chair), Stacy Voeller (Leadership Committee), Kristin Vogel (incoming Secretary), David Wright (Conference Planning 2008 chair).

Chabot called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Mid-Winter 2007 minutes were approved as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chabot reported that she attended the Sections Council, which is considering protesting LC changes in subject headings.

Bell reported that the beta test for the new ALA online system for making committee appointments is going well. There is a clear link on the web site. It is time to line up new committee chairs – outgoing chairs should let Irene Herold know who could succeed them and who might be leaving their committees off-cycle.

Hickey asked that committee chairs please e-mail their reports to her.

Thistle reported as Member-at-Large. Her report is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Watson reported for the CLIP Notes Committee. Her report is attached.

Thompson reported for the Communications Committee.

- Our new newsletter editor is Jennifer Turner.
- Alice Crosetto is coordinating the "College Web Site of the Month" feature on our web page. The selection process will be streamlined.
- COLLIB-L has been switched to new software, which is performing well. Thompson is monitoring the site but seeking volunteer assistance. His committee will be discussing the list serve's advertising policy. Once decided, it will be posted on the web site.

Knight and Duke reported for the 2007 Conference Planning Committee.

- Our program, “Embracing Change,” is scheduled for Monday in 146A Convention Center. There will be a webcast in November.
- It was noted again the Section’s displeasure with ALA’s new policy not to distribute meeting locations in advance of the conference in order to stop people who have not registered from attending.
- Committee was pleased with having co-chairs to share the work

Wright reported for the 2008 Conference Planning Committee.

- A 2-hour program, “Learning Virtually: Staff Development Via E-Learning,” will be tri-sponsored by CLS, the Distance Learning Section, and CLCIS. Time slot is Saturday 1:30-3:30. Speakers are lined up.
- Wright asked when we will receive an approved budget from ACRL – this information seems to come too late in the process.
- At Mid-Winter, space will be needed for a joint conference planning committee meeting. Bell will investigate.

Rollins reported for the Continuing Education Committee.

- Committee is analyzing its survey on how to get programming to members who do not attend annual conferences.
- Committee proposes establishing a Continuing Education/Staff Development Discussion Group.

Bean reported for the Leadership Committee.

- Committee is awaiting a report on the New College Library Directors Mentoring Program from its director, Larry Hardesty. The relationship between this program and the committee is murky – what will happen when Hardesty fully retires? Hardesty not only organizes the program but also manages the closed listserve.
- A College Library Director Hiring Survey is underway.

McNeill reported for the Membership Committee. Her report is attached.

Nominating Committee – Jules Tate is chairing and hard at work developing a slate for next year.

Lenholt reported for the Research Committee.

- “You’re a Research Coach” program currently has 45 partners and 18 coaches; more coaches are needed. Chabot suggests expanding the program to match two partners with the same interests.
- “In Print,” which lists journals for possible CLS member publication is converting from print to electronic format. Transition should be complete in 6 months.
- The luncheon in honor of research coaches at ACRL/Baltimore was most valuable for the few who attended.
- Poster sessions on both “You’re a Research Coach” and “In Print” were held at ACRL/Baltimore.

Reid reported for the Standards Committee.

- Committee met via conference call in April.
- Major project is the White Paper on Facility Planning which will list both guidelines and standards and will be posted on the CLS website. The committee may partner with other sections.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Both the College Library Directors Discussion Group and the Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group will be held in this hotel. Herold reported a lively group in Seattle. Pollitz announced the topic for the Medium-Sized Group will be "Reading and the Role of Academic Librarians."

LIAISON REPORTS

Goetsch reported as ACRL Liaison. The ACRL Leadership Council met yesterday and discussed the following:

- ACRL has appointed a task force to review the Information Literacy Competency Standards to determine if revision is needed.
- Changes under consideration by the ACRL Executive Board include:
 - Adding "interest groups" to the ACRL structure. Goal is to minimize bureaucracy for short-term topics. This is a by-law change to appear on the spring ballot.
 - Allowing the Board to raise dues no more than the rate of inflation without membership vote. This by-law change will also appear on the ballot.
 - Consolidating process of determining the slate of ACRL officers and board members to be more inclusive of input from all sections. This is not a by-law change and will probably be implemented next year.

The report from ACRL staff was postponed until such staff arrives.

NEW BUSINESS

Chabot reported on ACRL Action Grants.

- We received \$2500 for a webcast of our Washington Annual program, which will air in November, free to all CLS members. Chabot noted more than 100 people viewed the first webcast. The Continuing Education Committee will assume the organizational duties of this and future program webcasts.
- We received \$2000 for a feasibility study to establish an Information Literacy Road Show. We should get the money in September and will identify a consultant (actor, expert in theatrics). Goal is a fun, participative program on the importance of information literacy, designed not only for students but also for faculty and staff groups such as student services. Rollins felt the Continuing Education Committee could take the lead implementation role.

Chabot suggested another way to use CLS money would be to establish an award for "Innovator of the Year."

ACRL REPORT – Adam Burling.

Burling asked for general comments on the new ALA online committee appointment system. Bell likes it but feels it doesn't deal well with people who request multiple committees; a way to list priorities would be nice – as would improved editing capabilities.

Section-related expenses should be sent to CLS chair by August 15 for forwarding to ACRL/ALA for reimbursement. CLS budget is healthy and not always fully used.

ACRL is implementing a new member retention program called "ACRL 101" and hopes to improve communication between ACRL and its sections.

Chabot thanked Burling and ALA for granting all our scheduling requests for this conference.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Chabot and Bell distributed a list of CLS, CJCLS, and ULS committees and asked the Board to review the current CLS structure.

- CLS provides a voice and a place for librarians in small/medium-sized libraries. Do we have the right mix of programs and committees?
- Concern – the only major responsibility of the Leadership Committee is the College Library Director Mentor Program, which essentially operates independently. Could this committee morph into a "New Initiatives" group, with a charge to develop action plans to obtain funding, to reach out to other committees, and to develop new award ideas?
- Since the above suggestion would require a by-law change, the Board decided to create a "task force" for new initiatives. Group would have a 3 year life span. In addition to the charges listed above, the task force should reach out to new, younger members to help determine future directions.
- How can the Membership Committee best attract and retain younger librarians? Board agreed our biggest drawing cards are the biennial ACRL conferences and that we should make a concerted effort to recruit for our section at these meetings – Seattle 2009 (Whyte suggested a possible field trip), Philadelphia 2011, and Indianapolis 2013.
- Should we change the name of the Standards Committee to "Best Practices, Guidelines and Standards"? (no consensus)
- Can we be more strategic with our names to make ourselves more attractive to new members?

Gilbert reported on the CLS website.

- Gilbert is working on currency and clean-up and preparing for the site migration to Sienna College. Training is ongoing. There will be no major redesign until Collage is implemented. A CLS blog also needs to wait for the migration. Burling said ACRL has a wiki on which CLS can have space if desired.
- Gilbert's goal is to have more changing content, less static display. Possible strategies for attracting people to web site – RSS feed, link to COLLIB, have a "Dear Abby" advice/case study feature, add changing features on officers and committees, announce new CLIP notes publications, add a section for new members. It was decided the Communications Committee would send regular messages about new web site features to COLLIB.

Bell made a motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved, to establish a CLS Innovator award. Project was assigned to the Leadership Committee and put on the fast track for 2008. Call for nominations would first appear on COLLIB.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully and belatedly submitted,
Kate Hickey, secretary