

**AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES
COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Saturday, January 19, 2002
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Hilton – Belle Chasse
New Orleans, LA

Present:

Lynn Scott Cochrane, Chair
Mark E. Cain, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect & Past Secretary
Alice Bahr, Secretary
Mickey Zemon, Past Chair
Lisabeth Chabot, Member-at-Large
Paul A. Frisch, Member-at-Large
Jody L. Caldwell, Chair, CLIP Notes
Melinda K. Dermody, Chair, Communications
Robin Wagner, Chair, Conference Program Planning, 2002
Marilyn Martin, Chair, Continuing Education
Damon D. Hickey, Chair, Leadership
Susan Richards, Chair, Membership
Catherine Lee, Editor, CLS Newsletter
Christopher Millson-Martula, Chair, Research for College Librarianship
Bill Nelson, Chair, Standards
Jo-Ann Michalak, Co-Chair, Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group
Daniel Ortiz, Co-Chair, Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group

1. Welcome and introductions.

Chair Scottie Cochrane introduced herself and invited committee members to do the same.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted; however, since the minutes from June were approved following the new process, the following item was removed from the agenda.

3. Approval of minutes of prior meetings (June 16 and June 19, 2001). See 2 above.

4. ACRL Past President/Charlotte Conference Chair: Larry Hardesty (time to be adjusted to fit Larry's schedule)

Larry is visiting all section meetings to encourage wide participation in the 10-13 April 2003 ACRL Conference in Charlotte. Fewer contributed papers may be accepted this time, so the emphasis will be on topics with wide appeal that are delivered in an interactive way. College librarians are well represented in the process: Damon Hickey is co-chair of panel discussions and Sue Stroyan and Scottie Cochrane are co-chairs of poster sessions. The January 2000 issue of *C&RL News* has an article by Damon Hickey, "Hints for Successful Panel Presentations." Larry thanked Damon for this supportive effort.

5. **Chair's report:** Scottie Cochrane

Scottie thanked everyone for managing numerous e-mails re: committee lists and meeting rooms. Since both processes are complex, the latter requiring triplicate forms, Scottie will be working with ACRL to simplify these procedures.

Scottie's response to the 16 November 2001 article by Scott Carlson in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, "The Deserted Library," appeared in the last issue before Christmas break, which limited its visibility and readership. It was also edited, which affected the flow of ideas. Mickey Zemon thanked Scottie for taking the time to write this response, which represents the views of the section and of all academic librarians.

The section has applied for \$750 in funding to cover the costs of re-issuing the CLS membership brochure. Susan Richards indicated that funding had been approved, that the brochure will be discussed at the Membership Committee meeting on Monday, and that the Committee will try to complete the effort in time for Annual in June, 2002.

Scottie did not forward the motion from the Research Committee that "ACRL consider standardizing its procedures and responsibilities for submissions and acceptances of contributed papers and other presentations at ACRL national conferences" because Chris Millson-Martula has been working with Larry Hardesty on some of those issues. For example, the current submission form includes check boxes to help track submissions by type of library.

The section does have a small budget of \$750. from ACRL. Scottie will confirm this amount at the Monday meeting.

6. **Chair-Elect's report:** Mark Cain

The position of Vice Chair/Chair-Elect entails numerous detailed tasks, the progress of which is detailed in the following progress statements:

The Nominating Committee (Carolyn Sheehy, Chair, with Paul Jenkins, Paul Frisch, and Larry Oberg) was established in October/November 2001 to nominate candidates who will assume office after Annual 2003.

The 2003 Program Committee (Tara Fulton, Chair, with Chris Millson-Martula, Chris Loring, Akos Delnecky, Rita Gulstad, and the next elected member-at-large, who will join

the Committee in July 2002) has chosen the following theme: the crisis of recruiting to the profession, specifically the profession of college librarianship.

After filling 42 committee appointments, the Vice Chair reported that only one position on Membership remains vacant. Chairs for 2002-2003 are as follows:

CLIP Notes: David Wright
College Library Directors Discussion Group: Tara Fulton, Co-Chair; Nancy Magnuson, Co-Chair
Communications: Catherine Lee
Continuing Education: Charles Martell
Leadership: John Jaffe
Medium-sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group: Jo-Ann Michalak
Membership: Susan Richards
Research for College Librarianship: Inga Barnello
Standards: Bill Nelson
Status of College Librarians and Staff, Task Force: Rosemary Arneson, Co-Chair; Neil McElroy, Co-Chair

Mark is enforcing the rule of two terms.

The Chair of the College Librarians and Staff Discussion Group is on sabbatical this semester, so help is needed to fill this position. Mickey asked if there wasn't some previous consideration of disbanding this group based on low attendance. Discussion followed about the correct process for disbanding a group (amending Bylaws, etc.). Scottie will look into this, and noted that the item, already on the agenda for Monday, could be discussed then. At a later point in the meeting, Mark noted that the Past President makes changes to the Bylaws.

Liaisons to ACRL committees are as follows:

Government Relations: Paul Frisch
Membership: Deborah Harrington has agreed to be the ACRL Membership Committee Liaison [Secretary's note]
Research: Inga Barnello
Standards and Accreditation: Bill Nelson
University Libraries Section: Daniel Ortiz

7. **Past Chair's report:** Mickey Zemon

Mickey reported that the past President has the most fun. She is compiling CLS materials to forward to the ACRL Archives at the University of Illinois. Items include the following:

Executive Committee Roster, 2000-2001
Unit Activities, 2000-2001
Manual (January 2001 revision)

Bylaws (changes approved 2001)
Friday Night Feast Attendance List, 2001
Virtual Committee Proposal 2000-2001
Application for ACRL Initiative Funding,000
Newsletters, 2001
Agendas and Minutes for Midwinter and Annual Meetings, 2000
Standards for College Libraries, 2000 Edition
Current Membership Brochure

Mickey inquired about the status of the Section's relationship with Haworth Press, Inc. Scottie indicated that ACRL would have no problems with establishing supporting relationships with vendors as long as they are coordinated with ACRL, but that during her recent contacts the publisher seemed less enthusiastic. There was thought that Haworth might want to lend some support to the Friday Night Feast. Mickey offered to pursue this for the Chair. Scottie agreed and will send Mickey the Haworth contact information.

8. Members-at-Large report: Paul Frisch and Liz Chabot

Liz Chabot: no report. Liz noted that one of her jobs is to serve on the Conference Committee, which she will be doing.

Paul Frisch: Paul has a verbal agreement with an Atlanta restaurant, Mary Mack's Tea Room, and a formal agreement is in the mail. It's about 2.5 miles from the Convention Center, accessible by the Marta line, and in addition to vegetarian platters will offer family style all-you-can-eat platters (sans doggie bags) of fried chicken, country fried steak, and trimmings for \$19.00 @ (this includes tax and gratuity). Cash bar at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm.

9. Committee Reports

a. CLIP Notes: Jody Caldwell

CLIP Note 30, Travel, Sabbatical and Study Leave Policies in College Libraries, compiled by Carolyn Gaskell and Allen S. Morrill, was published in July, 2001. Compilers Jane Tuten and Karen Junker sent a final draft of Appropriate Use Policies for Computers in College and University Libraries to ACRL on 12/10/01, following review by the Committee. Compiler Lawrie Merz sent the approved survey on information literacy assessment tools in August, 2001.

The chair received three contacts for possible titles or revisions:

1. Elizabeth Sudduth, Special Collections (revision)—compiler was advised to contact previous compiler.
2. Tom Carter, Campus Outreach—following advice re: revision of approach to fit CLIP Notes format, compiler will discuss with prospective co-compilers and will inform chair of their decision.

3. Debbie Malone and Carol Videon, First-Year Programs—CLIP Notes Committee will discuss scope of the proposed project, and chair will contact compiler.

At present, 12-14 titles are in print. All have at least broken even with low sales rates at 400 and high at 1,200. The best sellers were on user surveys and reference training. Since both are seven-to-eight years old, it may be time to update them.

Scottie noted that CLIP Notes are among the best and most helpful achievements of the Section.

b. **Communications:** Melinda Dermody (CLS web page feedback needed)

While the main responsibilities of the Committee include the listserv and the newsletter, the Committee, which meets this afternoon, will be focusing on the CLS Web pages. John West (Austin College), CLS webmaster from the beginning, will be retiring from that position either this summer or no later than a year later; consequently one of the major issues is whether to migrate the pages, now on an Austin College server, to an ALA server. Of the 17 sections, seven currently are on an ALA server. Requirements are minimal, e.g. the first page should bear the ACRL logo and link to the ACRL and ALA home pages. There is no cost involved and ALA would provide a steady site; however, the promise of one-to-two day turnaround may not always materialize. Bill Nelson noted that even if such turnaround is possible now, it may not be in the future. Mickey suggested contacting sections whose pages are on ALA servers to determine how happy they are. Mark suggested asking if it would be possible for section webmasters to be given accounts to make their own changes. John West and Melinda are working on a job description for the webmaster position, and there was discussion of honoring John West for his years of service.

c. **Conference Program Planning (2002):** Robin Wagner

The newsletter has an article on the Atlanta program, “Will the Real Customer Stand Up.” The program will feature four speakers (15 minutes each, plus 30 minutes for Q&A) who will lead interactive discussions on best practices for innovation services/programs that were based on surveyed or perceived needs of students, faculty, and staff. Speakers are:

Jane Cotrell, Director of Information Access at Kenyon College (has as a distinctive part of her job description to serve as a formal advocate for students)
Barbara Valentine, Reference and Systems Librarian at Linfield College (has conducted focus groups with undergraduates as part of her belief that a better understanding of student perspectives and research behavior leads to more effective reference and instruction services)

Rachel Chen, Associate University Librarian at Wesleyan University (Wesleyan and Connecticut provide a joint 24x7 reference service to students)

Mary Ann Hite, Instructional Services Librarian at Bates College (developed a Thesis Writers Series and a Faculty Update Series)

After discussing the need for promotional flyers, the consensus was that the newsletter and listservs are more effective.

d. **Conference Program Planning (2003):** Tara Fulton

No report.

e. **Continuing Education:** Marilyn Martin

No report until Monday, after the committee meets.

f. **Leadership:** Damon Hickey

No report until Monday, after the committee meets.

Damon mentioned that in meetings past, the Chair requested written committee reports in advance of the first Executive Committee meeting to simplify the Secretary's task, to allow members greater time to comment on issues raised in reports, and to clear the slate for action items. Scottie asked Damon if he were recommending reviving that process, and the discussion continued, with mention being made of some preferences for oral presentations, the best means of documenting such procedural changes, and the desirability of giving chairs flexibility in determining procedural matters.

g. **Membership:** Susan Richards The committee has been funded in the amount of \$750. to update and reissue the CLS membership brochure. Susan raised the issue of the brochure's purpose. It has not been used as a recruiting tool, and to some degree was created because CLS was the only section without one. After discussion, there was agreement that the brochure meets a recruiting, promotional, and informational need when distributed at CLS programs and at discussion group sessions.

h. **Nominating 2003-2004:** Carolyn Sheehy No report.

i. **Research for College Librarianship:** Christopher Millson-Martula

The Committee has been asked to track the participation of college librarians at ACRL conventions, i.e., the number of presentations submitted and accepted. Results appeared in a recent issue of the CLS Newsletter. Inprint has a new editor, Ravil Veli.

Scottie noted that the Executive Committee had not forwarded the following Research Committee's motion to ACRL because Chris and Larry Hardesty had resolved a means of tracking college librarian participation at ACRL conferences by including a check box for type of institution on the submission form:

that “ACRL consider standardizing its procedures and responsibilities for submissions and acceptances of contributed papers and other presentations at ACRL national conferences.”

j. **Standards:** Bill Nelson

Bill and co-presenter Bill Fernekes have been presenting workshops on the new college library standards in various states (MO,IA,VA) as precursors to state library association meetings. On 18 January 2002, they offered a pre-conference session at the current Midwinter Conference, co-sponsored by CLS and the ACRL Louisiana Chapter. Attendees were from 26 states and represented 53 institutions.

Bill reminded members that the Standards Committee was holding an open invitation discussion group on the new standards on Sunday at 4:30 pm in CC343.

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11. Discussion Group reports

Reports for the following discussion groups, which have not yet met, will be made on Monday:

College Library Directors: Tara Fulton and Charles Getchell

a. College Librarians and Staff: Cecilia Knight

b. Medium-Sized Academic Libraries: Jo-Ann Michalak and Daniel Ortiz

12. Information items and announcements

Scottie reminded chairs to discuss the matter of eliminating CLS midwinter meetings. There was some discussion about how to proceed if there were consensus, and Jo-Ann Michalak asked if the committee had been in touch with the ULS section yet. The overriding idea was that there was no desire to promote this idea for other sections, only to investigate whether it best served the interest/needs of CLS Section members. The first step is to determine whether the committee chairs and their members support the idea. The rationale for the proposal is as follows:

Midwinter has always been a business meeting, not a program meeting, and in this day of electronic communications, it is unnecessary for us to sit in the same room to conduct business.

a. When I asked him a few years ago, ALA Exec. Director, Bill Gordon, said Midwinter is largely revenue neutral for the association, so ALA/ACRL would not lose on that score. [Added by Scottie after Midwinter: “ALA Deputy Executive Director Mary Ghikas, in the absence of Executive Director Bill Gordon, reported

to Scottie at the end of the 2002 Midwinter meeting that the conferences do generate between \$300,000 and \$500,000. If other groups follow the plan CLS is proposing, ALA will need to find substitute revenues. Nevertheless, the CLS Executive Committee does not feel we should hold meetings for the purpose of generating revenue for ALA.”]

- b. It is sometimes difficult on our own campuses to explain why librarians have to have two (and every other year three) conferences a year, when every other association in the universe can do their business with one.
- c. If we don't go to Midwinter, perhaps we could go to another conference, such as EDUCAUSE, where we would probably learn something new to bring back to our home institutions. Alternatively, we could use the funds saved to take another of our staff librarians to ALA Annual or ACRL, thus further developing our staff and the future leaders of the profession and Association.
- d. Many librarians can get funding for only one meeting a year, yet current rules say you have to attend two a year in order to be on a committee. Only requiring one conference a year, doing the rest of the work virtually, makes participation in the Association possible for a larger number of librarians.
- e. This virtual work in the winter time is a logical extension of the virtual committee membership program we initiated a couple of years ago.
- f. Midwinter is a terrible time to be traveling. For example, Cecilia (coming from Iowa) and Melinda (Minnesota) can have a horrendous time getting to and from.

13. Adjournment : 11:05 am

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bahr

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Monday, January 21, 2002

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Morial Convention Center—Room 282

New Orleans, LA

Present:

Lynn Scott Cochrane, Chair

Mark E. Cain, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect & Past Secretary

Alice Bahr, Secretary

Lisabeth Chabot, Member-at-Large

Paul A. Frisch, Member-at-Large

Jody L. Caldwell, Chair, CLIP Notes

Melinda K. Dermody, Chair, Communications

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Tara Lynn Fulton, Co-Chair, College Library Directors Discussion Group

Charles Getchell, Co-Chair, College Library Directors Discussion Group

Jo-Ann Michalak, Co-Chair, Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group

Rosemary Arneson, Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of College Librarians and Staff

Lois Cherepon, ACRL Board Liaison

Mary Jane Petrowski, Assistant Executive Director, ACRL

1. Introductions

Mary Jane Petrowski introduced herself; committee members did likewise.

2. Adoption of Agenda.

There was one alteration to the agenda: item #7 was moved up and incorporated into Committee reports.

3. Committee reports

a. CLIP Notes: Jody Caldwell

In general, CLIP Notes members thought that discontinuing Midwinter CLS meetings (proposal referred to hereafter as CLS MW) was a positive idea. The

benefits were saving money and paving the way for more diverse participation at meetings, i.e., not just directors. Members acknowledged the possible impact not on conferences but on the ALA/ACRL organization, specifically with regard to fiscal shortfalls, and they had questions about what to do when members didn't attend e-meetings.

b. **Communications:** Melinda Dermody

Melinda reported for both the Communications and the Membership Committees. Communications: There was unanimous support for elimination of CLS MW. The positives were the same as those expressed by the CLIP Notes Committee with one addition, the ability to enhance professional development by attending more diverse meetings such as EDUCAUSE. There was a question about how to operate a virtual meeting and a suggestion that perhaps no decisions should be made until Annual.

Several persons from the Communications Committee have expressed interest in serving as CLS's Webmaster.

Membership: The CLS MW proposal was not endorsed unanimously. There were two or three dissenters. Their thoughts were that many had to attend Midwinter for other committees and wouldn't save any money, that it was difficult to make virtual meetings open, that it might be hard for some committees to maintain momentum, that the possible need to lengthen meetings at Annual was unsatisfactory, and that it might be best to test the idea with a few committees first.

The committee is updating the membership brochure and posting information about virtual membership on the Web. It discussed recruiting ideas, and although letters were sent to COLLIB-L subscribers who were not CLS members, there is no way to gauge the impact of that on membership.

c. **Conference Program Planning (2002):** Robin Wagner

Scottie noted that Robin was not at the meeting but that the conference program was on track and that the entire work of this committee has been done through e-meetings.

d. **Conference Program Planning (2003):** Tara Fulton

Mark visited the committee meeting to share his vision and thematic interests. Although speakers have not yet been identified, the theme has been decided, recruiting for college librarianship. There may be a handout of practical steps for participants to take and case studies of those new to the profession. The program should be of interest to all academic librarians.

e. **Continuing Education:** Marilyn Martin

Marilyn offered the Continuing Education Committee as the perfect test committee for virtual meetings. Only three of the committee's 11 members attended this Midwinter meeting, and one had to leave early to catch a plane. The committee is considering a listserv on standards/assessment and is working with Bill Nelson (Chair, CLS Standards) and Bob Fernekes to turn their popular workshop on the new CLS standards for college libraries into an online tutorial.

f. **Leadership:** Damon Hickey

The Leadership Committee was in favor of discontinuing face-to-face meetings at Midwinter, but thought there should be clear guidelines about virtual meetings.

Two articles are in the works. "Successful Searches for College Library Directors," begun by Rick AmRheim and being completed by Cynthia Peleus, and a CLIP Note by Tom Carter on the extraverted librarian.

Carolyn Sheehy is developing a panel presentation proposal for ACRL 2003 and has asked for the committee's endorsement. The committee made several suggestions to pass along to Carolyn, and is willing to discuss endorsement with her.

g. **Nominating 2003-2004:** Carolyn Sheehy

Mark reported for the committee. Last year, the committee did all its work virtually. This year it has begun e-mail communication on the issue, and committee member Paul Frisch indicated that they have some names already.

h. **Research for College Librarianship:** Christopher Millson-Martula

Alice Bahr reported the following for Chair Chris Millson-Martula:

The Committee endorsed eliminating CLS MW with the following reservations/suggested considerations:

1. new committee members would be encouraged, if not required, to attend the summer meeting the year they are appointed (rationale: virtual/e-meetings work best after people have met one another);
2. need to issue agendas for virtual meetings for section archives and ACRL;
3. acknowledgement that some members' administrations approve travel funds when librarians are attending multiple meetings—consequently, librarians still slated to attend Midwinter may lose funding;
4. if CLSMD results in even longer meetings at Annual, the tradeoff may not be worth it; and
5. some committees, such as Standards, may be involved in projects that require multiple meetings even at Midwinter—they may not be able to complete projects in a timely, effective manner.

The committee submitted the following motion for discussion by the Executive Committee and for forwarding to ACRL: that “ACRL consider regularizing its procedures for submissions and acceptances of presentations at ACRL national conferences and articulate the specific responsibilities of review committee members.”

A revision of an earlier motion submitted to Executive Committee, it is re-submitted because the Committee's concern is not so much tracking college librarian participation at ACRL conferences as it is defining the process of how submissions are assigned to readers (divided evenly, with blind review, etc.), whether all readers should expect to review submissions, reassigning readers if blind review isn't possible.

There was general agreement that this was needed. At the very least it would save the chairs of the various presentation areas (panel, papers, roundtables, posters) from spending an entire meeting or more to establish procedures. At best, it would establish a clear and regular set of procedures for submitters and readers alike.

Scottie indicated that she had discussed the earlier motion with ACRL but that its wording didn't capture what the committee was asking ACRL to do. Alice suggested that she e-mail the Committee Chair, that the Committee make the motion more specific and detailed, and that it be forwarded to the Executive Committee for deliberation/action online. All agreed.

i. **Standards:** Bill Nelson

Liz Chabot reported for Standards. There was less than enthusiastic support for eliminating CLS MW. The reason: this particular committee is labor and meeting intensive and project driven.

Bill Nelson and Bob Fernekes will be offering their standards workshop as a pre-conference at Midwinter in Philadelphia. There was good turnout at the 4:30 – 5:30 pm discussion session on the new standards. The committee is considering a program on the evolving accreditation environment.

Based on Liz's attending other section meetings on standards, it appears that the CLS standards may be the model for standards for all academic libraries. Other sections appear to be adopting the CLS standards with minor revisions.

4. **Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of College Librarians and Staff:** Rosemary Arneson
5. The committee was less interested in the issue of eliminating CLS MW meetings than in examining its own purpose and need, especially since the issue of the new “Guidelines for Academic Status of College and University Librarians.” Scottie noted that the Ad Hoc committee was formed based on Will Bridegam's concern that the 1992 guidelines focused too exclusively on university librarians, but that with the new guidelines those concerns had been addressed. Rosemary made a motion that the Ad Hoc Committee be dissolved because the issues it was to examine had been addressed by other bodies.

Damon seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

New/Follow-up Items

6. Melinda noted that a project that the Joint CLS/ULS/CJCLS committee was given previously, that of coordinating the Section's \$1,500. with similar funding other sections received to coordinate support of the Live @Your Library Program, has been taken over by ALA. The section will retain the \$1,500.
7. Scottie, following up on Saturday's meeting. Reported that the CLS budget included \$1,000., two eight-page newsletters, and two sets of mailing labels. Scottie asked Mary Jane Petrowski if the \$1,000. could be used for programs. Mary Jane said yes, thought that the amount was between \$200. and \$500., and will follow up and tell Scottie the exact amount that can be spent on programs.
8. Scottie reiterated the need for electronic, not print mailing lists from the ACRL office.

9. Discussion Group reports

College Library Directors: Tara Fulton and Charles Getchell

Charles Getchell reported that 40 directors and three guests attended, that Midwinter attendance is always larger than that at Annual, and that the discussions focused on seven topics:

- Information Literacy (the topic of greatest interest)
- Copyright
- Space/Place or Facilities/Buildings
- Course Management Software
- Staffing/Recruiting
- E-everything
- Budgeting

a. College Librarians and Staff: Cecilia Knight

Mark reported for Cecilia. No one attended this Midwinter's session, and Cecilia has proposed a motion that the discussion group be dissolved. Scottie and others noted that several attempts have been made to increase attendance, without success. The underlying premise is that too few college librarians attend Midwinter to secure an audience for the group. Damon seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

b. Medium-Sized Academic Libraries: Jo-Ann Michalak and Daniel Ortiz

Jo-Ann reported that all seats were filled, approximately 50. The topic was distance education and e-reference services. The audience was a mix of directors and library staff. The speculation was that this mix is possible because greater numbers of university librarians attend Midwinter than do college librarians.

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11. Liaison reports

. **ACRL Board Liaison:** Lois Cherepon

Lois reminded everyone that the ACRL National Conference was in April, 2003, and that the respective deadlines for paper, poster, and roundtable submissions were 5/31/2002, 11/1/2002, and 1/3/2003.

The ACRL Board has its second meeting between 1 pm and 4:30 pm. The first 30 minutes is an open mike session. Scottie asked if Lois thought she should mention the CLS MW motion at the open mike session. She was not inclined to do so since the purpose of the motion is not to set direction for other sections. Lois concurred that it was not necessary.

Since the 2003 CLS program theme is on recruiting, Lois suggested that Tara and her committee might want to touch base with a newly appointed ACRL task force on recruiting.

a. **ACRL Standards and Accreditation:** Bill Nelson

No report.

b. **ACRL Membership:** Catherine Lee

No report.

c. **ACRL Research:** Christopher Millson-Martula

No report.

d. **ACRL Government Relations:** Paul Frisch

No report.

e. **University Library Section:** Jo-Ann Michalak and Daniel Ortiz

No report.

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13. Old business

. **College Librarians & Staff Discussion Group**

This item was addressed in 4.b. above.

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15. New business

Elimination of CLS meetings at Midwinter 2003

The following discussion took place after item 4 and before 5, but is reported here to keep the structure of the agenda intact.

Although the proposal is to eliminate CLS Midwinter meetings beginning with 2003, both Scottie and Mark noted two exceptions: 1) the CLS Chair would attend Midwinter in order to attend Section and ACRL meetings, and 2) the current time schedules would remain in place for discussion groups.

Scottie acknowledged that some ACRL board members perceive the proposal as a governance issue and aren't sure that CLS has the authority to make such a decision. Scottie's response to this is that CLS is not asking for permission, rather exercising an option that best serves its membership and the Association. Members do not work for ALA, ALA works for its members.

Lois indicated that the ACRL Board met Friday and was aware of the CLS proposal. Her investigation of ALA and ACRL policies/documents did not uncover any specific mandate for Midwinter meetings. It is possible, however, that ALA Policy #45 has some bearing on the issue. Lois also indicated that a task force that includes Maureen Sullivan and Lee Hisle has been established to discuss the future of ACRL and CLS's proposal is the kind of issue they'll be examining. Perhaps, the issue might be addressed better by the task force. Also of import is the possibility that other sections might follow suit and the lost revenues would jeopardize initiatives they currently support, such as the ALA Washington office.

Damon raised the issue that it is impossible to look at revenue loss without also examining customer satisfaction. If ALA is moving toward a business model, then it makes little sense to suggest that customers buy products they have no need for just to ensure the organization's fiscal soundness.

Mark offered the following motion: that CLS no longer require in-person meetings at ALA Midwinter.

Scottie noted that this language did not preclude committees from meeting. They would simply notify Mark that they needed to reserve meeting rooms.

Liz asked for a restatement of the reasons for discontinuing Midwinter meetings and asked if moving in this direction might not make CLS's relationship to ACRL and ALA somewhat ambiguous or less clear. Scottie emphasized that the main rationale of the proposal is to streamline the organization, make it more robust, and encourage greater participation.

Jo-Ann wondered if such a course of action might be perceived not so much in positive as in negative terms and suggested that CLS might wish to say it was setting a goal to not require meetings. Tara expressed support for the language

of the motion. Damon offered a friendly amendment that was adopted and the motion was changed to read: that the CLS Executive Committee no longer require CLS committees to hold in-person meetings at ALA Midwinter.

Alice asked if additional revision were needed to make it clear that meetings were still to be held, even though they were virtual. Mark suggested that Bylaw revisions, which the Past Chair would make, would accommodate that level of detail. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, all twelve members present voting for it.

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17. Information items and announcements

Lois reported that ALA is in the second round of the Live @ Your Library program. This round focuses on academic libraries. There's an icon on the ALA website that can be used to have promotional materials designed at reasonable costs, and please send any suggestions you have for promoting the program.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm after Scottie noted that Executive Committee and other committee minutes must be approved and forwarded to ALA within two weeks and that there is an online form that committees can use to report meeting highlights.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bahr