

**ACRL – COLLEGE LIBRARY SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANURARY 21, 2007
SEATTLE, WA**

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), Rick AmRhein (Nominating Committee chair), Beth Avery (Continuing Education Committee co-chair), Ethelle Bean (Leadership Committee chair), Adam Burling (ACRL), Lynda Duke (Conference Planning 2007 Committee co-chair), Lori Goetsch (ACRL liaison), Irene Herold, Cecilia Knight (Conference Planning 2007 co-chair), Kitty McNeill (Membership Committee chair),), Michele Reid (Standards Committee chair), J. Michael Thompson (Communications Committee chair), Ann Watson (CLIP Notes Committee chair, David Wright.

Lis Chabot called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. The Annual 2006 minutes were approved as distributed.

OFFICER’S REPORTS

Chabot reported that the Annual 2006 WebCast was very successful. Two proposals for Action Grants, submitted with Bell, are in the works, including a proposal for a WebCast of our summer '07 program.

Bell reported attending Sections Council. ALA is testing an online system for handling volunteers for section committees. CLS is one of four Sections to agree to be beta testers of the new system.

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.

- The spring edition of the CLS Newsletter will be to ACRL April 9 and will include Mid-Winter Conference news. “Call for Kudos” submissions are due in February. New ideas for the newsletter are welcome.
- Alice Crosetto is the new manager of the webpage feature “College Website of the Month.” She makes the selections, as did the previous manager, Christopher Millson-Martula. We need to be sure those libraries selected are notified in advance.
- Audio-conferencing for virtual meetings of CLS committees at Mid-Winter seems to be both time- and fund-consuming. Suggestions for alternatives included using ALA online community software, creating blogs, and making flexible use of e-mail.
- Major upgrades to the CLS website await finalization of ALA’s new content management system. The feature “College Librarian of the Month” has been dropped – too cumbersome to maintain.

- Our listserv has 1500+ subscribers. Thompson is the current list manager and is looking for a replacement – this elicited unanimous praise of Thompson from the group. Our list guidelines are very flexible – should we codify?
- New ideas. Should we have a “news liaison” to keep us posted on news from other conferences? Should we have a CLS blog? The committee will consider these ideas.

Knight reported for the 2007 Conference Planning Committee.

- Everything is on track for Washington – our program will be “Embracing Change.” CLS will distribute a flyer at ACRL/Baltimore with information about the program, the Friday Night Feast, and CRL.
- ALA has a new policy not to distribute meeting locations in advance of the conference in order to stop people who have not registered from attending. Spirited discussion followed – the CLS Executive Committee dislikes this policy, and our ACRL liaison, Lori Goetsch, will relay our opinion to ALA/ACRL.

Bell reported for the 2008 Conference Planning Committee. Wright will lead efforts for a 2-hour program on “Learning Virtually: Staff Development Via E-Learning,” tri-sponsored by CLS, the Distance Learning Section, and CLCIS.

PAUSE IN THE AGENDA to meet and listen to ACRL presidential candidates Erika Linke and Scott Walker. There will be an ACRL blog to further discuss their candidacies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS RESUME

Avery reported for the Continuing Education Committee.

- Committee has finished a survey on how to get programming to members who do not attend annual conferences. Suggestions include working with regional groups and creating virtual opportunities.
- Committee is submitting a proposal for Washington Annual to sponsor a discussion group on continuing education for smaller libraries.

Bean reported for the Leadership Committee.

- New College Library Directors Mentoring Program is continuing under the leadership of semi-retired Larry Hardesty, but succession planning is needed. Hardesty not only organizes the program but also manages the closed listserv.
- Committee is surveying institutions about recently hired college library directors, asking for search parameters and important factors. Goal is an article and maybe a future CLS program.

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

AmRhein reported for the Nominating Committee. His report is attached.

It was noted that the Research Committee has been approved for a \$1500 grant to have a luncheon for the participants in the “You’re a Research Coach” program.

Reid reported for the Standards Committee. A Library Facilities White Paper is in preparation.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Herold and Wright reported for the College Library Directors Discussion Group. Their report is attached.

Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group was well-attended with 20 people. Topic was use of social networking to reach constituencies.

We agreed that we like having the two Discussion Groups scheduled at different times.

LIAISON REPORTS

Goetsch reported as ACRL Liason.

- Leadership Council is having a problem getting feedback on its strategic plan.
- Lee Hisle is taking the lead in establishing an ACRL Legislative Advocacy program.
- The ACRL Institute for Scholarly Communication is held annually, and teams from colleges and universities may apply. Why do so few of the smaller institutions apply?
- The ACRL President's Program at Annual will be on communication with Chief Academic Officers.
- Aspects of ACRL's strategic plan include: expanding opportunities for member involvement (perhaps by creating "interest groups"), streamlining section governance (do we really need so many by-laws? Few other divisions have them.), increasing cross-sectional collaboration, and evaluating the structure and nomination of the Board.

Burling responded on behalf of ACRL and encouraged discussion on the idea of "interest groups." He reported that the new software to streamline the committee volunteer process has been very well received.

NEW BUSINESS

Chabot reported that we were awarded both grant submissions.

- The first is for offering a webcast of our Washington Annual program. Chabot will write a report of the last webcast for the CLS Newsletter.
- The second is for a feasibility study to establish an Information Literacy Road Show. We hope to hire a consultant and develop a theatrical program which would be a participatory activity for student service programs. The Continuing Education Committee has responsibility for this project.

Chabot and Bell noted that the time is approaching to fill vacancies on CLS committees. Committee chairs are asked to identify vacancies and possible chairpersons.

Discussion will continue at Annual about a new CLS Innovation in College Librarianship Award. Robin Wagner and the Leadership Committee will spearhead this initiative, designed to recognize risk-taking and entrepreneurship.

Bell asked that we plan to discuss at Annual a project being planned by the Research Committee to establish an online database of publishing opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned, and the Secretary was exhausted.....