

Minutes  
College Libraries Section (CLS)  
Communications Committee  
Annual Meeting 2004, Orlando

The Committee met on Sunday, June 27th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton, Room Napoli I. The following members were in attendance: Catherine Lee (Chair), Terry Ballard, Ruth Connell (Web Editor), Chris Millson-Martula, Phil Swan, and Mike Thompson (Listserv Manager). Susan Brown (Standards Committee) attended as a guest. CLS Vice Chair Damon Hickey also attended.

Attendees introduced themselves and Committee members reviewed roster information.

Mike Thompson gave an update on COLLIB-L. We remain consistent at approximately 1000 subscribers. Mike also reported that as of yet he has been unable to recover the listserv Archives from the Wooster-era. Those Archives were transferred from Wooster to ACRL and Hugh Thompson, Director of Publications for ACRL, has not yet replied to Mike's inquiry as to their status. Damon Hickey stated that, if the archival material has been lost, he would look into whether he can recover them at Wooster.

Ruth Connell gave an update on the CLS website. Work on the website is generally in maintenance/update mode. ALA is moving to a system of automatically updating committee rosters. Ruth will monitor the efficiency of this on the CLS site.

Chris Millson-Martula gave an update on the CLS program. While the audience turnout was quite lower than anticipated, Chris optimistically reported that this was a 150% over the number who attended the Toronto program. Committee members agreed that the postcard was an excellent way to publicize the program. The low turnout was generally attributed to the distant hotel location and competition in the time slot.

Catherine Lee gave a Newsletter update and reported on the status of the search for a new editor. The Committee approved the appointment of Anne Garrison, Head of Reference Services and Humanities Librarian at Swarthmore College, as the new Newsletter editor, effective after Midwinter. Anne will work with Catherine on the Fall 2004 issue of the Newsletter.

Phil Swan updated us on the status of the new feature, a CLS member profile, to appear on the website. The profile will appear quarterly. The CLS Executive Committee will be solicited for nominations and a call for nominations will appear in the Newsletter and on COLLIB-L.

Terry Ballard reported on the Standards Committee meeting which he attended. The Communications Committee has approached the Standards Committee about creating a Standards niche on the website to pull more people into our site. The Standards Committee will begin forwarding material to Ruth, who will work to create an attractive web presence. The Communications Committee will designate someone to communicate with Standards regarding the types of materials that would be most desirable on the site.

There was a brief discussion of the Communications Committee organization and structure, including terms of Webmaster, Listowner, and Newsletter Editor and whether these members

can serve as Chair. Damon gave some background as to why and how the current restrictions on appointments and terms in the Bylaws came to be. The Committee unanimously agreed that all three ex officio members should have a similar open-ended term appointment and that any member should be eligible to serve as Committee chair. Catherine will make this recommendation to the Executive Committee.

Catherine thanked those retiring from the Committee—Terry Ballard and Denise Shorey and welcomed the incoming Chair, Phil Swan.