

**Minutes of the ACRL College Libraries Section
Committee on Research in Librarianship
Midwinter Meeting, 2004**

Virtual Meeting
November 20, 2003
9:30-11:00 AM

Present: Inga Barnello, Chair; Steve Bell, Richard Hart, Bill Nelson, John Riddle, Robert Renaud.
Not present: Damon Hickey, Marilyn Martin, Ravil Veli, Kathleen Murphy

1. "Mentoring" College Librarians in Publishing and Conference Submissions

A pilot program that matches experienced librarians with college librarians (CLS members and non-members) who are about to submit a conference proposal for ALA or ACRL conferences or a manuscript to a publisher will be fast-tracked in order to assist those who want help with submissions for ACRL 2005 in Minneapolis. There is a need to avoid the term "mentor," as this is not a long-term relationship designed to train someone in the profession. Rather, it is a panel of experts that will serve as readers with a very short turnaround time.

With a May 28th deadline for that conference approaching, I. Barnello, as a first step, will devise a series of planning steps and tasks and e-mail them to committee members in the next couple of months. An early step will be a call for "experts" on COLLIB-L that I. Barnello will do. Another early step might be to solicit ideas from senior members of CLS and/or solicit the panel of experts who volunteer. The Chair will sound out the Executive Committee and Chairs of Leadership and College Directors Mentoring Program.

2. College Librarians Participation in National ALA conferences

The Chair sent Steve Bell the data and will bring this issue up at the CLS Executive Committee's virtual meeting. ACRL/Charlotte submissions did not include an indicator for college librarians. There's a hope that the pilot program mentioned above might also give us better control over getting information about college librarian success rates at conferences and publications. Steve Bell said that existing data is not sufficient based on what he sees. He added that gauging participation at ALA is much tougher - so many are invited informally.

3. ACRL Conference in Minneapolis in April 7 - 10, 2005

There was no time to discuss this. Chair will follow up with committee members via e-mail in February to discuss the possibilities. The deadline for panel sessions is May 28, 2004. The deadline for Roundtable discussions is January 10, 2005. In the past the group did a roundtable on publishing articles.

4. Next Meeting(s): Our Committee will meet on Monday, June 28, 2004, Orlando, FL, 9:30 - 11:00am at a place to be named later. Damon Hickey will represent our committee at the CLS Executive Committee on Saturday, June 26, as Inga Barnello will not yet have arrived in Orlando. She will be in attendance at the Tuesday morning Executive Committee meeting.