

College Libraries Section, Research for College Librarianship Committee Minutes, ALA Midwinter Meeting, 2000

Research for College Librarianship Committee
January 16, 2000
ALA Mid-Winter Conference, San Antonio

MINUTES

Present: Alice Bahr, Anne Ciliberti, Eric Kidwell, Lynn Livingston, Christopher Millson-Martula, Bill Nelson.

1. Anne Ciliberti agreed to serve as Secretary for the meeting.
2. The Minutes of the June 25, 1999 meeting (ALA Annual, New Orleans) were approved with the correction in Item 6 that the Joint CLIP Notes/RCL Committee panel will be held at the next ALA Mid-Winter Conference, not ACRL as reported.
3. Alice Bahr distributed the Research Committee membership list, complete with term expirations. She explained that the ACRL policy is that members may not serve more than two consecutive terms two-year terms. However, since the Research Committee is actively working on several projects and needs continuity of membership at this critical juncture, she has petitioned that Michael McLane, Anne Ciliberti and Christopher Millson-Martula be allowed to serve third terms. Currently, Lynn Livingston is serving a third term.
4. Alice clarified that the Research Committee normally meets on Monday mornings of Annual Conferences and on Sunday mornings at Mid-Winter Conferences.
5. Alice summarized the present status of the Joint CLIP Notes/RCL Committee Panel Discussion, now planned for next Mid-Winter. She had met with Lewis Miller, the CLIP Notes chairperson, who informed her that CLIP Notes presently uses mentor/mentee relationships and that they will participate with us on the panel. It is also possible that the another pair of mentors/mentees from ACRL's Research Committee could also participate, as well as some representatives from the RCL Committee itself.. Following panel presentations, an interactive discussion with the audience is planned. It was agreed that a semi-circle arrangement of chairs would promote this exchange. Chris Millson-Martula has agreed to work on putting together the program and Anne Ciliberti volunteered to work with him. Bill Nelson also agreed to assist as necessary.
6. Alice opened up discussion of the electronic version of InPrint and the difficulties encountered in trying to update the Guide as well as migrate its publication to the web. She reported that there has been discussion about developing a category of "virtual committee members" who join committees without the expectation of physically attending meetings and that if this happens, the additional members could assist in the labor-intensive work of updating InPrint.

7. The group discussed the process of gathering data for the revision as well as the lack of technical skill in trying to create an efficient and suitable web version. The following work assignments were made with an end of February deadline:

Bill Nelson will update the third section of journal titles as well as the Publication Survey Form.

Lynn Livingston will update the Bibliography and Editor's Preface.

Alice Bahr will revise the Introduction, the Research Committee roster and add the Research Agenda.

Anne Ciliberti will update a portion of the journal titles.

8. Alice raised the question of how we can assure quality control in the entries and it was agreed that she will explore the possibility of having a "test" website where entries can be reviewed by the committee prior to going to the "live" site.

9. In response to several comments about the technical difficulties involved in the project, it was suggested that vendor support be explored. Further contact with ACRL publications staff will be made and if there seems to be reluctance, vendor support may be sought. Bill Nelson noted that he had good contacts at EBSCO and Anne Ciliberti said that she could inquire of OCLC.

10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Ciliberti

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