

CLS Research for College Librarianship

Annual Conference, Chicago

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Present: Mark McCallon (chair), Ron Vega, Kevin Gunn, Marc Gartler, Jamie Gill. Joined later by Irene Herold and Dawn Thistle.

Jamie Gill volunteered to take the minutes.

Mark verified member terms and checked the roster of new members.

Your Research Coach has been going along with 4 research partner requests this past year. Mark matched them with coaches from the current list. Steven Bell wrote about YRC in the ACRL blog after Annual last year which may have spurred those requests.

Ron will follow up with the newest 4 partners and coaches to see how their research is going. We need to make this assessment part of the process of YRC.

Mark mentioned that his list of coaches is quite old and needs to be checked. He did get the website fixed, though, so the links now work.

The brochure needs to be updated before the August 1st budget deadline. The conversion of the electronic format has been difficult for him. Irene suggested hiring a graphic designer. He would need to submit his request for funding quickly.

Last year we discussed sending an instructional packet to new partners. Ron asked if there were funds to provide a useful book on research (i.e., *Publish and Flourish* by Tara Gray) and a bibliography. Irene Herold said there were funds: Ron would need to submit a request for reimbursement.

Continuing to publicize the program is necessary to getting new partners. In discussing how to advertize YRC, Irene suggested we schedule a "discussion group" for Midwinter to talk about research and YRC.

Marc suggested we use the College Library Directors website (Larry Hardesty's mentoring program) (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/about/sections/cls/collprogdisc/collegelibrary.cfm>) to look for people a few years out of the program who might be interested in coaching. They also could publicize it to their librarians.

There are a variety of research committees in the ACRL sections, but there is also an ACRL Research Coordinating Committee (currently chaired by Beth Lindsay?). Mark will try to attend their meeting. We feel our committee should be represented on the ACRL committee.

InPrint – ALA programmers are still converting the website so no work has been done on *InPrint*, nor will it be for awhile. We discussed whether we wanted to continue to push *InPrint* or whether its day had passed. Other alternatives are:

- *EBSCO Publishing Opportunities* database which did not have many of the relevant titles for librarians and it costs
- *The Mortimer Singh Guide to Publications in Library and Information Studies*, by UNC Greensboro, which also has some gaps and is focused on library science.

With the committee's encouragement, Mark will approach UNC to see if we could partner with them so they would include some of the *InPrint* titles that they are missing.

InPrint is being hosted at <http://acrl.telusys.net/epubs/inprint.html> until 2013, according to the website. Mark will check with Kathryn Deiss to see if we are paying anything for this service.

Future Projects

If we no longer work on *InPrint*, we discussed a variety of support ideas:

- Irene suggested pulling together demos, U-tube links, and samples of qualitative and quantitative research – Your Statistics Coach. Mark will see about presenting a request for a webinar on statistics.
- Research Corner with support materials for academic librarians dealing with the issues of “publish or perish” and job performance versus professional development.
- Information about what to do if your article is rejected, approaching editors to see if your article is a fit for their journal, etc.
- Your Accreditation Coach

Jamie mentioned that if we drop *InPrint* we will need to change the committee charge which we edited last Annual to include *InPrint*.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Submitted by,

Jamie Gill