

To: ACRL/College Libraries Section Executive Committee

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From: Celia Rabinowitz, Member-at-Large

Re: Annual Meeting Report

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The Friday Night Feast was held at Brasserie JO on July 10. Serials Solutions donated \$1,500 to the effort and Peter McCracken joined us at dinner. The CLS Executive Committee pledged \$500 in support. Maintaining a level of \$2,000 in donations allowed the price for dinner to be set at \$20.00. There were 48 people registered to attend the dinner including the three guests (as of 7/8/09), and 44 people actually attended. Keeping the price of dinner manageable is important. Suggestions for the future are listed below.

There will be complementary dinners for two new members of CLS. Suggestions for future arrangements of the free dinners are listed below.

I have updated the instructions for the next member-at-large and will send them on electronically and will also forward several folders or archived information to the next member-at-large. It is unclear whether there is an interest, or need, to keep any archived data (year, restaurant, number of attendees). I found having some of the older records helpful.

Last year we had a brief conversation about whether a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres reception would attract more people and be less expensive than a sit-down dinner. I submit that this is still worth considering. We should decide what our goal is for this event. Do we want to create small tables and have a dinner experience with real time to talk for a smaller group (up to about 50), or to create a more informal atmosphere that encourages more mingling and casual conversation but would possibly attract more people? I don't know how many people usually attend the Instruction Section Soiree.

Here are some suggestions for future Feast coordinators:

- Have the CLS chair make the donation requests. I think the request coming from the Chair carries more weight than from the member-at-large (or from any Executive Committee member if someone has a personal connection to the potential donor).
- The Executive Committee should decide whether we want to try to identify a second donor since Taylor & Francis seems to have lost interest.
- Be sure that the registration form includes a place for the attendee to note how long they have been a CLS member (or to ask if they have been a member for less than 2 years). It may be easier to pick the free dinner recipients from this list and then open up registration for more paying guests.
- Be sure the registration form has space for people to enter specific dietary restrictions.

