

**ACRL Literatures in English Section Midwinter 2010 Executive Committee Meetings
Combined Minutes--DRAFT
Boston, MA**

Saturday, January 16, 8:00-10:00 a.m. Concord Room, Hyatt Regency. *In attendance:* Michaelyn Burnette (University of California, Berkeley, Collections Discussion Group), Barbara Chen (Modern Language Association), Angela Courtney, (Indiana, Chair), Kristina DeVoe (Temple University, Collections Discussion Group), Elizabeth Dupuis (University of California, Berkeley, ACRL Board LES Liaison), Mollie Freier (Northern Michigan University, 2011 Conference Program Planning Committee Chair), Steven Harris (University of New Mexico, 2011 Nominating Committee Chair), Arianne Hartsell-Gundy (Miami University of Ohio, Member-at-Large), Jaena Hollingsworth (IUPUI, Membership Committee Chair), Kathy Johnson (University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Planning Committee Chair), David Oberhelman, (Oklahoma State University, Secretary), Amanda Rust (Northeastern University, LES-L Moderator), Lynda Tolly (UCLA, Promotional Video Task Force Chair), Melissa Van Vuuren (James Madison University, 2010 Program Planning Committee Chair)

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I. Welcome and Introductions (Courtney)

Angela Courtney called the first Executive Committee meeting together at 8:00am on Saturday, January 16.

II. Approval of Agenda (Courtney)

Angela noted that the ACRL Sections Council is now known as the ACRL Communities of Practice, so the new name has been used for section IV on the agenda.

Under Old Business, Kathleen Kluegel would give the update on the MLA Discussion Group at the Monday Executive Committee meeting.

Christine Ruotolo, Publications Committee Chair, was not at Midwinter; her report would be given by another member of the committee (Amanda Rust).

III. Approval of Minutes from Annual 2009 (Oberhelman)

The minutes were approved with one correction.

IV. Announcements from ACRL Communities of Practice & Leadership Council (Courtney)

Angela reported on the Friday meeting of the ACRL Leadership Council. The Western European Studies Section (WESS) and the Slavic and Eastern European Section (SEES) are in the early stages of exploring a possible merger.

There was a report from the ACRL Information Literacy Standards Coordinating Committee on developing standards for subject areas, but LES has already developed its own information literacy standards, the LES Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English (approved in 2007).

ACRL has discontinued the Strategic Initiative Actions Plans to provided funding to ACRL to support activities that advance the ACRL Strategic Plan. LES had already received funding for its Strategic Initiative Actions Plan application to fund the promotional video with interviews of English-language literature professors (more details on this project are in the Vice Chair's report). ACRL is currently examining how its sections are funded to see if they can find a means for funding based on need in addition to size. There is also money available from the Friends Disbursement Funds; that money often goes unrequested, so it would be a possible source of funding for other activities LES is planning such as the job shadowing program.

Virtual Committee Meetings. Angela reported on discussions about holding virtual meetings for ACRL section committees. The Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) and Instruction Section (IS) had virtual committee meetings this year; IS had a six-week period for holding the meetings. Other sections tried to hold virtual committee meetings, but had mixed results. We discussed the possibility that LES could hold virtual committee meetings.

Angela decided to convene an ad hoc committee to explore the possibility of LES committees having virtual meetings. Various issues came up in the discussion. Could discussion groups use the LES Blog to post discussion topics? What platforms could be used for virtual meetings: ALA Connect, conference calls, a hybrid face-to-face and conference call or virtual meeting? Would ACRL secure internet access for such meetings? Angela will put out a call for volunteers to serve on the ad hoc committee. Amada Rust and David Oberhelman both volunteered to serve on the committee.

V. ACRL Board Update (Dupuis)

Elizabeth Dupuis reported on the ACRL-IS experience with virtual committee meetings, and other sections are looking at the results of the IS meetings as they explore their own procedure for having virtual Midwinter meetings.

Elizabeth next reported on the Council of Liaisons. ACRL is currently reexamining the Council of Liaisons and is seeking ways to streamline the process of applying for vacancies. There is no news as yet on the proposal developed by LESS and WESS and other literature-related section members for a liaison to the Modern Language Association.

Elizabeth also reported that with the cessation of the Strategic Initiative Action Plans, ACRL is exploring a new process for funding sections based on its activities, or standards or documents it is developing that are beneficial to the profession. It is also looking into provide some support for virtual meetings or other forms of professional development for members sponsored by the sections.

The ACRL Board is also looking at its effectiveness and responsiveness to the sections. It is also looking at the organization of ACLR, especially division-level committees, to decide if those are necessary and if they advance the Strategic Plan. With the compressed schedule of ALA conferences, such examination is important for ACRL at this time.

ACRL Interest Groups. Elizabeth reported that there are so far twelve Interest Groups that have been started by the ACRL Board. These groups can be formed with a petition of approximately

fifteen to twenty signatures, and would address topics or specialties not currently covered by any of the existing ACRL Sections. They are eligible for \$150 from ACRL, and are not required to organize programming. Among the Interest Groups created so far are groups for health sciences, numeric and geospatial data services, image resources, and residency programs

VI. MLA Liaison Update (Chen, Courtney)

ACRL Liaison to MLA Proposal. Angela report that, in light of the current reorganization discussions for the ACRL Council of Liaisons, the proposal for a liaison to the MLA prepared by LESS and WESS members is currently on hold. The materials have been submitted, but no decision will be made until the structure of the Council has been determined.

Discussion Group for Literature Librarians in the MLA. Barbara Chen reported that the discussion group has been approved by the MLA Executive Council and will be known as the Libraries and Research in Language and Literature Discussion Group. The group would be able to hold a session beginning with the January 2011 MLA Convention, though the call for papers deadline has already passed; Barbara would explore possibilities for a session in 2011.

VII. General Membership Meeting Plans (Hollingsworth)

Elizabeth Peterson has had to resign as Membership Committee Chair, and Jaena Hollingsworth will now chair the committee. Jaena reported that the topic for the General Membership meeting would be faculty interaction: how to engage faculty

VIII. Old Business:

A. MLA Discussion Group: (Kluegel)

Kathleen Kluegel reported that twenty people attended the meeting on Saturday, January 16. Vendor representatives gave reports on their interfaces for the MLA International Bibliography (MLAIB).

EBSCO is launching EBSCOHost Mobile for mobile devices. They have also introduced a note-taking icon that patrons can use if they are logged into My EBSCO. EBSCO has also expanded the content fields viewable on hover-over from the results list.

Gale reported that it has integrated the topical thesaurus with the name thesaurus at multiple levels, thus linking of multiple names (Frances and Fanny Burney, etc.). The discussion turned to how the records for the MLAIB contain multiple URLs to link out to full text from JSTOR, Project Muse, and Dissertation Abstracts. There was a question about whether Google Scholar links would also follow. Barbara Chen said the MLA is thinking about it, but no timetable. DOIs for books gotten for MLA

ProQuest is improving the speed on its interface. It will soon fully support Firefox 3.

OCLC presented a conversation on rebuilding access to content and on discovery tools. During the discussion, most were in favor of incorporating the MLAIB into discovery tools.

B. LES 2010 Strategic Plan Proposal Outcomes, Future of Strategic Initiative Action Plan Proposals (Courtney)

Angela reported above that ACRL has discontinued the Strategic Initiative Action Plans.

C. ACRL Literatures in English Section 2009-2013 Strategic Plan Discussion (Johnson)

Kathy Johnson reported on Saturday that the Strategic Plan revisions had been pushed back in order for the Planning Committee to work on the new Governance Procedures. The plan has some outdated content and needs to be reformatted into paragraphs. The current plan has very dense text and need to be streamlined; links for internal navigation on the web version would make it more readable. There was some discussion of specific points in the plan such as advocacy and other issues. The plan should be reviewed on a regular basis rather than only infrequently updated. Perhaps the plan can be posted on the LES Wiki to invite comments and discussion.

IX. Reports:

- **Chair (Courtney)**

Angela updated those were not at the Saturday Executive Committee meeting on the discontinuation of the Strategic Initiative Action Plans and the possibility of requesting money for activities from the Friends Disbursement Funds. She also gave an update on the move towards virtual committee meetings and her idea to form an ad hoc committee to study the possibility of virtual meetings for LES committees.

- **Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (Courtney)**

Angela reported on the promotional video project for Liorah Golomb. The project is to compile video interviews of English-language literature faculty on their use of libraries, and would be used for promotional purposes. Lynda Tolly will be chairing the ad hoc Promotional Video Task Force, and she asked for volunteers to suggest faculty members whom might be interviewed.

- **Past Chair (Courtney)**

Angela reported for Karen Munro. The proposal for an ACRL Liaison to the MLA was turned in, but the timing of the proposal was unfortunate since the Council of Liaisons is going through reorganization.

- **Secretary (Oberhelman)**

The approved minutes for the 2009 Chicago Annual meetings will be posted on the LES Wiki.

- **Member-at-Large (Hartsell-Gundy)**

Arianne reported on the Job shadowing project. A call for volunteers has gone out on the LES listserv. We are targeting states in which we do not have many members. She asked members to distribute the call through other email discussion lists, and we will see if WESS or other sections could help us to advertise. The Membership Committee will help with recruiting volunteering. Arianne mentioned that YALSA is sponsoring some of the ALA Emerging Leaders participants to do job shadowing as their group project, so that might be an avenue for LES to explore in the future.

- **Membership (Hollingsworth)**

Jaena reported that there are still several versions of the LES Membership Directory on the LES Wiki and website, but the committee will work to transfer all the member information into the directory tested at ALA Annual 2009 and then will get rid of the other two directories.

The committee also discussed looking at member statistics to see why there was a decline in the numbers; a survey of dropped members might be developed to get some information on why they dropped. She also mentioned that the Membership Committee will help market the job shadowing program. Friends Disbursement Fund money might be helpful to defray travel costs and to provide funds for the host to purchase coffee, etc., for the job shadowing participant.

For the General Membership meeting at ALA Annual in Washington, DC, the topic will be the theme of juggling different jobs: how do you learn the ropes when you get a new subject area, or how do you juggle managerial responsibilities, different duties and services. The General Membership meeting at this conference was to be on liaising with faculty, but the discussion focused more on social networking and Web 2.0 technologies as means of reaching out to faculty and students.

- **Planning (Johnson)**

Kathy Johnson reported that there were some minor revisions to the strategic plan; they will be posted on the web and on the Wiki, and a call for comments will go out over LES-L and *BiblioNotes* in mid to late May. Final revisions will then be sent to the Executive Committee to go over and perhaps vote on electronically.

Mission Statement. The committee proposed the following change in the LES Mission Statement:

"The Literatures in English Section, a part of the Association of College and Research Libraries, provides ~~To provide~~ a forum in which academic and research librarians who support literatures in English programs exchange ideas, exercise leadership, and contribute to the improvement of library service in the field."

Kathy requested that the proposed Mission Statement be published on the web and the LES Wiki, and asked for comments from the members.

- **Publications (Rust for Ruotolo)**

Amanda Rust reported for Christine Ruotolo. The new web design for the LES homepage is now live; it features a news feed at the top of the page publicizing recent blog posts.

The Publications Committee is looking for volunteers to work on the LES Bibliography. There was some discussion in the committee of moving the blog to a Zotero group or to a bibliographic management software package.

There still are regular posts on the blog but comments, however, have dropped off somewhat. Tim Hackman is currently looking for a co-editor to assist him in maintaining the blog.

Amanda noted that the committee spoke to Chris on a BlackBerry speaker phone during the meeting, so they had some success with this early attempt to hold a virtual and face-to-face meeting.

- **Nominating 2011 (Harris)**

Steven Harris reported that the Nominating Committee was able to have a meeting of before the New Members Discussion Group session at Midwinter.

- **2010 Conference Program Planning (Van Vuuren)**

For the 2010 ALA Annual in Washington, DC, LES is co-sponsoring a program with WESS on contemporary European fiction in translation. Melissa Van Vuuren reported that the program will feature the following speakers:

1. Alane Salierno Mason, President, Words Without Borders and Vice President and Senior Editor, W.W. Norton & Company, discussing "The Promise and Peril of Authors as Cultural Ambassadors"
2. Dr. Edwin Gentzler, Professor of Comparative Literature and Director of The Translation Center, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), discussing "The Cultural Turn in Translation Studies"
3. Chad Post, Director, Open Letter, Rochester University, discussing "The State of Literature in Translation Today"

Richard Hacken from WESS will serve as moderator. Melissa asked for \$300.00 from LES to go with money for the program provided by ACRL and WESS.

Arianne Hartsell-Gundy moved that \$300.00 be transferred from the LES Basic Services funds to support the joint LES-WESS program at the 2010 ALA Annual. Jaena Hollingsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **2011 Conference Program Planning (Freier)**

Mollie Freier reported that the 2011 Conference Program Planning Committee met at the AI Committees meeting time on Saturday, January 18. They have two ideas for possible programs: one on scholarly research on genre fiction, and one on changes in the publishing industry with e-book readers and other technology. They will decide on a program topic and speakers at a later meeting.

- **Reference Discussion Group (Hollingsworth, Curtis)**

Chad Curtis reported that there were approximately twenty people at the Reference Discussion Group. The topic was how librarians cope with resources to which they no longer have access, and how that affects reference service. They then moved to a discussion of encyclopedias and subject encyclopedias, interlibrary loan, and virtual reference using IM and chat. Outreach efforts such as departmental office hours also came up in the discussion.

- **Collections Discussion Group (Burnette, DeVoe)**

Michaelyn Burnette reported that the Collections Discussion Group focused mainly on how different libraries are coping with reduced funding. Consortial collection development was also discussed, and ways to fund interdisciplinary research. Many libraries have dropped print sources. They also discussed materials submitted to CRL.

- **New Members Discussion Group (Thill/Hartsell-Gundy)**

Arianne reported that ten people came to the New Members Discussion Group. They created a survey using SurveyMonkey for evaluation.

- **BiblioNotes Editor (Rust for Taddeo)**

Amanda reported for Laura Taddeo. April 12 is the deadline for *BiblioNotes* submissions. The newsletter is now all online, though there are some LES members without an email address to notify when a new issue is available. They will have to go to the LES website to check for updates.

Laura's term as editor ends in 2010, so Angela will post a call for applications for the editor position on LES-L.

- **Website Editor (Rust for Ruotolo)**

Her report is included in the Publications Committee report. The job shadowing form is now live.

- **Discussion List Moderator (Rust)**

Amanda reported that LES-L currently has 435 subscribers. There are some problems with ALA listserv and Yahoo email addresses because of Yahoo's spam settings, but ALA is addressing the issue. The LES-L archives are being saved, but are not currently accessible.

X. ACRL Vice-President/President-Elect Candidate Visits

Joyce Ogburn was the only ACRL candidate who indicated she could visit during the LES Executive Committee meetings, but she was unable to attend.

XI. New Business

No additional new business.

XII. Adjourn

The second Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.