

**ACRL Literatures in English Section  
Membership Committee Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting  
Monday, January 10, 2011, 8:00-10:00am  
Hilton Bayfront, Indigo 202B**

Minutes

Present: Jaena Alabi (ch), David Oberhelman, and Linda Stein

- I. Introductions
  - a. Since all members present were previously acquainted, introductions were omitted.
- II. Current Membership Statistics
  - a. According to the last membership report received, the section has 559 personal membership and 9 organizational memberships. These numbers are close to what they were for the previous year.
- III. Planning for 2011 Annual Conference in New Orleans
  - a. Brainstorm topics for LES General Membership Forum
    - i. Jaena suggested that if other committee members wanted an opportunity to lead the General Membership Forum, she would be amenable to that.
    - ii. Liorah will send out confirmation of the forum's time/day slot at Annual. [**Action Item**]
    - iii. After some discussion, the members present agreed on a rough idea for the forum: tensions within English departments, perhaps as it relates to resource allocation, organizational dynamics and politics, or pressures on the department to justify its existence.
    - iv. The committee will need to work virtually to flesh out this topic. [**Action Item**]
  - b. Plan for conference buddy program
    - i. Although only one member requested a buddy for this Midwinter, the committee will continue to offer this program for Annual.
    - ii. One of the committee members will send an announcement to LES-L towards the end of May. [**Volunteer needed**]
    - iii. Jaena will update the welcome letters sent to new members to include a sentence about the buddy program. [**Action Item**]
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Results of emails to dropped members
    - i. Out of about a hundred emails sent to former LES members, only about 10 or so responded to our request for information regarding the change. Those who responded cited a change in job responsibilities or financial reasons for leaving LES.
  - b. Results from mentoring program
    - i. Participants responded favorably when asked about the program and how things were going.
  - c. Job Shadowing Program
    - i. Membership has been asked to take on the job shadowing program. Liorah has suggested that there be dedicated person on the committee to coordinate the job shadowing program.

- ii. Jaena will talk with Faye to see if any of the current LES volunteers might be interested in this opportunity. **[Action Item]**
- d. Directory update
  - i. At Annual, it was decided that Membership would take on the responsibility of updating information in the directory and Publications would post the updated/revised directory.
  - ii. In updating information for the directory, it became apparent that we needed to have a clearer understanding of the directory's purpose—Is it mean to be a list of LES members? Is it a comprehensive list of literature librarians, regardless of their affiliation with LES? This will be determined at LES Exec II so that the committee may proceed with updating the directory. Update: Exec decided to keep directory as a list of literature librarians, not an exclusive list of LES members. **[Action Item]**
  - iii. Linda proposed that we take the directory off the wiki until it has been updated. This suggestion will be taken to LES Exec for their support.

V. New Business

- a. Membership drive ideas
  - i. Make sure LES brochures are at all LES sessions (and other relevant sessions) at Annual. Need volunteer to take brochures to sessions at ALA Annual. **[Action Item]**
  - ii. Need committee member to volunteer to represent LES at ACRL 101 session at each ALA Annual Conference. **[Action Item]**