

## Literatures in English Section

### Planning Committee Meeting

Midwinter 2008  
Philadelphia, PA

Monday, January 14, at 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at the Marriott Philadelphia in Salon D.

#### Agenda

Present: Arianne Hartsell, Kathy Johnson (Chair), Elisabeth Pankl  
Guests: Diana Chlebek, Erica Clay, Jen Stevens

1. Minutes of the Annual 2007 Planning Committee Meeting were approved as written.
2. Review of LES Strategic Plan From Annual Minutes, item II.

“Follow up of this revision to the Activities section will be done at MidWinter 2008 by LES Planning in conjunction with LES Executive Committee.” [Based on 7-9-07 email from Kathleen Kluegel, Past Chair of Planning Committee.]

Kathy Johnson volunteered to develop a table showing [selected] text from the ACRL Strategic Plan and [selected] elements from the LES Strategic Plan. Below is a sketch of what such a table might look like.

ACRL Strategic Plan	LES Goal	LES Action	Due Date	Date Accomplished	Ongoing Activity

Planning Committee discussed adding some wording to the LES Strategic Plan.

- a. On 1.b., with the goal of collaborating with other ALA units on ventures in addition to Program Planning, add “and other activities.”
- b. Add text about developing a liaison with the Modern Language Association together with SEES and WESS.
- c. Add text about identifying professional organizations, such as NCTE, for potential informal liaison.
- d. On 3.a. (new resources and improvement of old ones), change wording to include promote and assess/encourage improvements to reference tools.

e. Kathy Johnson will check on the status of a statement of support for retention of older electronic editions.

3. From Annual Minutes, item III: ACRL Strategic Action Plan Process  
LES Planning Committee developed a timeline for the development of our ACRL Strategic Action Plans. At MidWinter, LES leadership will identify potential Action Plan proposals. These potential Action Plans will be sent to LESEEXEC by March 15. LES Executive Committee will select and approve proposals at Annual. LES Vice-Chair/Chair Elect will submit them to ACRL by July 15. LES Planning will review the Officers' Manual for other items or actions that would benefit from a timeline at MidWinter, e.g. Vice-Chair, Nominating Committee, Program Committee.

a. Planning will submit to LES Executive Committee a proposal for a presentation on the Literatures in English Section's "Research Competency Guidelines for Research in English" for 2010.

b. Arianne Hartsell inquired whether LES ever sponsors a pre-conference and suggested creating a pre-conference on instruction in the humanities, using the "Research Competency Guidelines" as the basis of the pre-conference.

c. Kathy Johnson proposed adding the Calendar of LES activities to the LES wiki.

4. From Annual Minutes, item IV: LES Cultural Activity at Annual

LES Planning Committee agreed to explore at MidWinter 2008 options to create infrastructure and timeline for a cultural event at each Annual Conference. A standing committee for cultural events would be one possibility that would provide enough continuity to survive the episodic nature of the process. This would be appointed at the same time as Program Planning Committee to provide enough lead time. It was hoped that a person who was located in the ALA Annual city would be a member of the committee to provide local insight into possibilities.

a. Sophie Lesinska will explore a trip to the Huntington Library on the Monday of Annual 2008.

b. No recommendation from Planning Committee was made toward establishing a standing committee for cultural events.

5, From Annual Minutes, item V. LES at ACRL National Conferences

LES Planning agreed to explore at Annual 2008 options to create infrastructure and timeline for an official LES presence at ACRL National conferences. Some suggested venues for this presence include panel sessions, poster sessions, lunch.

a. Faye Christenberry volunteered to help with plans for an LES activity at ACRL in Seattle in 2009.

b. Kathy Johnson collected ideas from members of LES on possible activities, including a tour of underground Seattle, dinner with a Seattle-area author, visits to literary special collections in the region, or an author reading with a wine bar (Melissa Van Vuuren) or sponsoring people talking about working with graduate students or a late evening get together or a panel discussion on subject-specific competency guidelines jointly with

other ACRL sections (Jayna Hollingsworth) or a Folger-style cultural activity or gathering with Pacific Northwest authors (Tim Hackman).

Minutes by Kathy Johnson

Past Chair of LES, 2007-2008 and *ex officio* member of Planning Committee

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