

**LES Planning Committee**  
**2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting Minutes**  
Friday, January 17, 2014  
Online Meeting via Adobe Connect, 2:00-4:00pm, CST

1. Welcome and introductions

In attendance: Tammy Voelker, Jaena Alabi, and Kristina De Voe (chair).

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Review of [LES Governance Procedures](#)

The *LES Governance Procedures* were closely reviewed and two main issues for potential revision were discussed: virtual participation at Midwinter meetings and inclusive language regarding the section's purpose. The *Procedures* currently contain language stating that all section meetings are "open to registered attendees," yet with LES' decision to move Midwinter meetings online, the registration aspect has perhaps become problematic. The Committee briefly reviewed ACRL and ALA Bylaws for any suggested language but could find nothing relevant. Also, language in the *Procedures*' 'Purpose' section emphasizes member activities focused on "information resources related to literatures in English," yet this may no longer reflect the broader, more interdisciplinary nature of what we now do (e.g. Rhetoric/Composition, Linguistics, Digital Humanities, etc.). The Committee discussed the possibility of using the phrase 'Literatures in English and English Studies' and will present it to the Executive Committee for discussion. The Committee will communicate with the Publications Committee concerning possible changes in the procedures for archiving LES documents; the Committee will also submit revised drafts of the *Procedures* across the LES-Executive listserv for feedback.

4. Revision of [LES Strategic Plan](#)

The *LES Strategic Plan* expired last year. The Committee agreed to align a new strategic plan more closely with ACRL's current *Plan for Excellence*, using the *Plan*'s three core areas as the organization scheme for the section's goals and objectives. The Committee decided to begin mapping goals and objectives still relevant from the older strategic plan into the newer version. Feedback from the Executive Committee will be sought in order to identify emerging goals and objectives. The Committee also discussed the possibility of working with the Membership Committee to determine if there might be an opportunity at Annual's General Membership Meeting to get feedback and ideas from the membership.

5. Review of Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English in light of changing ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education

The *Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English* are approximately six years old and up for review. ACRL's *Standards*, however, are currently under revision by a task force. An open forum for discussion at Midwinter is planned, and this committee's Chair plans to attend. The task force anticipates a rough draft for public comment by mid-February of this year with online public hearings later in March. Given the speed at which this process is moving, it seems that a version of the new standards is desired by Annual. The Committee previously considered surveying English faculty and/or LES librarians about their use of the *Competency Guidelines* as well as ideas for future direction. The Committee discussed and agreed that it would be prudent to now wait before any large-scale revision of the *Competency Guidelines*. This may in fact be a good objective for the revised strategic plan.

6. Old / New Business

There was no additional old/new business.

7. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 3:57pm.