

**ACRL LES (Literatures in English Section)
Midwinter 2013 New Members Discussion Group**

Virtual Meeting via Adobe Connect
Thursday, February 21st, 2013 (11-12 Pacific Time)

Alex Watson and Amanda Dinscore, Co-Chairs

Minutes

Welcome and technology check.

Co-chairs provided an overview of opportunities to become involved in LES for new members, including committee structure and benefits of volunteering.

Recommendation that members interested in becoming more involved should first subscribe to the LES-L listserv and also sit in at meetings at ALA conferences.

Melissa Van Vuuren (Chair), Arianne Hartsell-Gundy (Vice-Chair) and Liorah Golomb (Nominating Committee, Chair) answered questions from new members.

Arianne stated that members could still volunteer for committees even though the February 14 deadline has passed. Recommendation was made to contact both the committee chair and fill out the ACRL Volunteer Form if a member is interested in serving on a specific committee.

Other discussion topics included whether or not student members could participate fully on committees. Liorah stated that students are involved at the same level as others in the profession.

Arianne shared that there will be a LES reception at ACRL in Indianapolis. Liorah mentioned the LES social events that take place at both Midwinter and Annual each year as a great opportunity to meet others involved in LES.