MINUTES

ACRL Literatures in English Section
Publications Committee
2012 ALA Annual Convention
Monday, June 25, 2012
8-10am

Attending: Laura Braunstein (Chair), John Glover, Christine Ruotolo, Abby Scheel, Linda Stein.

1) Welcome and Announcements
- Our 2013 ALA Midwinter meeting will be virtual. Whether future Midwinter meetings continue to be held virtually or in-person will be decided at the 2013 virtual Midwinter meeting.

2) Reports

LES website (Chris Ruotolo and Aaron McCollough [virtually])
- The site has been fully migrated to Drupal CMS. This system offers a better framework for contribution, but is more restrictive structurally.
- Chris will update the committee rosters and hand off the reins to Aaron.
- All pages were updated in course of migration; Chris will check on the link to the volunteer form.
- The LES roster of English librarians is a PDF that is compiled from Membership (the roster is not comprehensive, but limited to LES membership). This should be linked from the website, with a redirect from the LES wiki.
  - **ACTION**: Aaron should check in with Dan Coffey, incoming chair of Membership, to get the new roster.
- Thank you Chris for your hard work!

LES-L mailing list (Amanda Rust [virtually])
- We are currently at 513 members.
- Amanda is staying on as administrator.
- The listserv continues to provide an effective venue for potential members to lurk, for LES leadership to promote the section, and for members to ask for help on reference and collections issues.

Biblio-Notes (John Glover)
- There has been a minor glitch announcing new issues of the newsletter, since the automatically generated message from ACRL just goes to the official membership. Since there may be listserv subscribers who are not officially members, John cross-posts a second announcement.
- The fall issue is being planned with a "digital humanities" theme. John will solicit attendees of the ALA Digital Humanities preconference and the first meeting of the Digital Humanities Discussion Group for reports.

- Another possible source of content might be candidate statements in advance of the ACRL election.
- The newsletter does not continue to be as popular a venue for news of member activities; these seem to be effective postings on LES-L, or potentially the blog.
- It may be time to update layout of the newsletter, to more effectively include multimedia and images – for example, a "featured LibGuide" series. While we no longer have print constraints, it is still published as a discrete PDF document, which is easy to archive.
  - **ACTION**: John will send out some mockups to LES Exec and Publications.

LES Bibliography (Blake Landor [virtually])
- The conversion of the LES Bibliography from a static document on the LES wiki to Zotero file is complete.
- Blake would like to thank everyone who contributed to the project: Laura Braunstein ("Impact of Technology" section), Julianne Buchsbaum ("Canon Formation"), Amanda Rust ("Composition Studies" and "History of the Book"), Aaron McCollough ("English Studies"), and Laura Fuderer for her help with reviewing all of the entries of the Bibliography for accuracy.
- We should review the editorial policy in regard to the continued relevance of older items. There has been general consensus to retain these items if they were inherited from the LES Bibliography.
- Blake will continue to lead the Bibliography project moving forward.
- We will need volunteers to continue to update the Bibliography.
  - **ACTION**: Blake will lead a project to update the Bibliography from the last entries (~2005?) to the present; sections/topics will be assigned to other Publications committee members, and to volunteers from the LES membership. John will review back issues of *Biblio-Notes* and add any citations. We will solicit contributions from all of LES, especially members who wish to add their own articles. Blake will identify existing Zotero guides and documentation for new users. We will publicize the Zotero bibliography as resource for the LES membership; ideas include making an announcement in *Biblio-Notes*, interviewing authors for the LES blog, and posting links on the website.

LES Blog (Aaron McCollough [virtually])
- There was some discussion of soliciting more frequent, shorter posts, including reviews of new tools, announcements of projects, and book reviews.
  - **ACTION**: Aaron will post a request on LES-L for new contributors.

LES Wiki (Chris Ruotolo)
- We are now using the free version of the wiki tool.
- Linda Stein will take over Chris's role as administrator. (Thank you Chris!) Aline Soules continues as an additional administrator.
  - **ACTION**: Linda will in touch with Aline to discuss sharing responsibilities.

- The main role of wiki administrator is approving people who request access. Committee chairs are still responsible for posting minutes and agendas, and are encouraged to announce postings of minutes (with links to the wiki) on LES-L. Blog posts and *Biblio-Notes* are good venues to announce meetings.
- There was some discussion of how the wiki overlaps with the functions of LES's ALA Connect site, and as to which was a better environment for posting agendas and minutes.
    - **ACTION**: There was a brief discussion of the continued need for a wiki (in addition to ALA Connect, LES-L, and other outlets) at the LES Executive meeting following the All-Committees meeting. The topic was tabled for a future discussion.

Social Media (Laura Braunstein)
- Publications shares responsibility for the LES Facebook page with Membership.
- Currently there are 66 members.
    - **ACTION**: Laura will connect with Dan Coffey, incoming chair of Membership.