

**ACRL Literatures in English Section
Publications Committee
Virtual Meeting
Monday, December 3, 2012**

Attendees

Judith Arnold, Kristi Austin, Laura Braunstein (chair), Amanda Binder, Ruth Boeder, Michaelyn Burnette, Laura Fuderer, John Glover, Blake Landor, David Oberhelman (ex officio), Linda Stein.

Announcements

- There are several library-related programs sponsored by the Libraries and Research in Languages and Literatures Discussion Group at the MLA convention in Boston in January 2013, including a panel on shared archival collections.
- LES Executive Committee will meet virtually on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, noon-2pm EST.

Reports

LES-L Mailing list (Laura Braunstein for Amanda Rust)

- As of the end of November 2012, the list has 510 members, remaining steady from last year's count of 509.
- The list continues to be an active resource for communication among members of the section.

LES Website (Linda Stein)

- Aaron McCollough stepped down as LES webmaster this fall.
- Linda Stein will take over officially on January 1, 2013. She will take the ACRL's web training via online tutorial in mid December. She has some experience with Drupal and can do additional training at her institution.
- The site was last updated in July. There appear to be no urgent edits that need to be made before Linda has access.
- ACTION: Laura B. will contact Chris Ruotolo to see if she still has access, if assistance is needed with the transition. Linda will follow up with Dawn Mueller at ACRL.

Biblio-Notes (John Glover)

- The fall issue was published in late October.
- There were fewer submissions than usual, and no news of publications or promotions from members.
- Is this still an outlet that members wish to use for professional news? What is the role of Biblio-Notes for the section? Are there other vehicles that are more effective for communicating? The newsletter is an official publication of ACRL; it potentially could have greater impact. The section may be required to have a newsletter.
- The committee agreed with John's suggestion to survey LES membership.
- ACTION: John and Ruth will draft a survey, and send it to the Publications

committee and to the LES Chair and Vice-Chair for review. John will contact other ACRL newsletter editors to discuss best practices, and check in with Dawn Mueller at ACRL about other sources of support for newsletter editors.

LES Bibliography (Blake Landor)

- A total of 18 volunteers from Publications and from the general LES membership will update the Bibliography in Zotero, moving forward from 2005 (when the most recent items were entered). The goal is to be substantially up-to-date by ALA Annual in June 2013.
- There was some discussion in regard to deleting or archiving older items, but the group agreed that in a database (as opposed to a static document), users can sort by date, and still retain access to material that illuminates the history of the field. We discussed whether material should be listed under only one category, or if it should be cross-referenced, given that users may browse rather than search categories. Volunteers should be asked to write short scope notes for each category, given that some headings have changed to reflect the current state of the field (i.e. "Impact of Technology on Humanities Research, Teaching, and Production" will be edited to "Digital Humanities").
- ACTION: LES website will be edited to list Blake as the contact, with a link to the Zotero bibliography rather than the wiki document. The old bibliography will remain archived on the wiki with a link out to the Zotero site. Blake will check in with volunteers over the next six months.

LES Blog (Laura Braunstein)

- Aaron McCollough stepped down as editor. This fall he called for volunteers on the listserv to take over, and several LES members stepped up.
- ACTION: Laura will contact volunteers.

LES Wiki (Linda Stein)

- Linda is currently updating, cleaning up, and defining categories of status rights. Vince Graziano, who started the wiki, will remain as "owner" and Aline Soules continues to have administrator rights as a backup. We are currently using the free version of PBwiki.
- While some functions of the wiki are duplicated by the LES website and ALA Connect, it continues to serve well as a repository of LES materials, much like the "box of documents" that traveled from chair to chair in the pre-internet days. (We wondered where the box is now!) ALA Connect is our vehicle to larger ACRL and ALA concerns, while the wiki is our space for documentation, handouts, bibliographies from programs, and other material. Meeting and committee minutes should still be posted on the wiki.
- ACTION: Linda will continue maintenance and "clean up," and will post a call for documents for the archive on LES-L.

Social media (Laura Braunstein)

- There was some discussion as to the best way to incorporate social media into LES activities and communication. Do we need a Twitter feed? Could Twitter be

used to promote the blog, conference meetings, and other events and resources? Perhaps a Twitter feed could pull together tweets from LES members who are active on Twitter. Should we develop an LES communications portal that could potentially stream or syndicate tweets, blog posts, Biblio-Notes, and bibliography updates?

- Social media is currently unofficially and intermittently maintained by the chairs of Publications and Membership, two committees with plenty of responsibility already. A social media coordinator, focused on developing LES's strategy in this area, could help promote the section.
- ACTION: Laura will contact Melissa and Arianne about a social media coordinator for LES. Amanda Binder has volunteered for this potential role.

LES Publications Goals for 2013

- Complete the transfer of webmaster duties.
- Update LES Bibliography on Zotero to cover publications of interest from 2005 to the present.
- Survey LES members on their ideas for the future of Biblio-Notes, and recommend changes to the LES Executive group.
- Develop a social media strategy for LES activities on Twitter, Facebook, and other outlets.
- Continue to maintain the wiki as an archive of resources that document LES past and current activities.