

LES Virtual Participation Committee ALA Annual 2012 Minutes

Disneyland Hotel Castle A & B, Monday, June 25, 8-10am

Present: Priscilla Findley, David Oberhelman, Sarah Schmidt

I. Welcome (and designate minutes-taker)

Sarah Schmidt took notes

II. Recap of 2012 Virtual Midwinter meetings and April iLinc test run (and feedback about the virtual experience from ALA Anaheim meetings)

Had Exec meeting on Saturday, where it was communicated that there's \$600 in the budget that needs to be spent by August 15. Part of the money will go to social hour and part of it...

III. Plans for 2013 Virtual Midwinter

A. Online meeting platforms: iLinc (cancel WebEx subscription)

...Will be used to renew WebEx and stay with a system we know. The iLinc test run had many audio issues in April and our impression is that other committees are unsatisfied with it. We're tabling iLinc for now.

B. Other options: conference call, Skype, etc.

n/a -- we're sticking with WebEx

C. Needs/issues for committees/discussion groups

D. Timetable for committees/discussion groups

We need to meet before midwinter but after executive (so, sometime between November and January?). Announcements will be made with both LES wiki and ALA connect.

E. Evaluation/surveys

Feedback for virtual midwinter was good, so next year discussion groups will have a similar arrangement to what we had with Adobe Connect. But, we need to do a survey asking whether we want to go all-virtual and eliminate all in-person committee meetings. Or, should committees be able to choose whether they want to meet face-to-face or virtually? To do the survey we may have to get ACRL approval and survey all of LES. [Update: Our Board Liaison confirmed that we do not need approval to survey the members about section business.]

IV. Other ongoing activities: look at guides for iLinc, best practices for online/conference call meetings

Amanda added the guide to online meetings to the wiki.

We should keep our ears open for software our colleagues are using and recommend.

V. New business

No new business.

VI. Plans for LES VPC meeting in the early fall with 2013 committee to prepare for upcoming virtual

meeting cycle (in iLinc, date and time TBD)

David will send out plans for feedback and timeline drafts for chairs.

VII. Adjourn