

Meeting Minutes-Virtual Participation Committee (ARCRL-LES)

07/01/2013

In attendance: David Oberhelman, Nimh McGuigan, Kathleen Burlingame (minutes)

David welcomed new members Nimh and Kathleen to the group and updated them on recent developments for virtual LES meetings during Midwinter:

-The committee has recently conducted a survey of the membership regarding their LES virtual Midwinter experience/satisfaction. David and Amanda will write-up and share a report on that shortly.

-WebEx is used for committee meetings (25 person limit); Adobe Connect is used for discussion groups (100 person limit).

-LES would like to retain at least one F2F discussion group at Midwinter since there is still a desire to have some LES presence at Midwinter.

-A LES social can continue to be held at Midwinter as well as at other conferences. A social at MLA proved successful.

-Currently the committee is looking into providing training for committee chairs so that they may become more familiar with facilitating virtual meetings.

-Recording/archiving of virtual sessions has been done, but not extensively.

-The committee would like to explore lower cost platforms for virtual meetings. Dimdim was preferred since it was free, simple, stable and had voice chat and screen sharing, but it is now obsolete. WebEx has good functionality but (at a recurring cost of \$500.00) is too pricey.

-Instructional meetings have done away with F2F meetings entirely.

-Around September the committee will set up a schedule for virtual meetings. ALA's Open Meeting Policy requires adherence to a strict schedule.