

ANSS Executive Committee Minutes ALA Annual Meeting, 2010

**Anthropology and Sociology Section
Association of College & Research Libraries
American Library Association
Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2010**

**Saturday, June 26, 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m., Mayflower Renaissance Hotel, Pennsylvania Room
Monday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Madison Hotel, John Adams A/B Room**

1. Introduction of members and guests [Sat. & Mon.]

[Sat.] Members present: Liz Cooper (ANSS Chair), Wade Kotter (Subject & Bibliographic Access Committee), Jennifer Nason Davis (ANSS Chair-elect/Vice-chair), Terry Epperson (incoming Chair-elect/Vice-chair), Afeworki Paulos (Sociology Librarians Discussion Group), Jason Phillips (Information Literacy Committee), Annie Paprocki (Conference Program Planning 2010 & ACRL Liaison to AAA); Wayne Sanders (ANSS Secretary), Sally Willson Weimer (ACRL Liaison to ASA), David Woolwine (Assessment of Library Collections & Services Committee)

[Mon.] Members present: Stephanie Alexander (Information Literacy Committee), Jennifer Bowers (Membership Committee), Helen Clements (Bibliography Committee), Liz Cooper, Jen Darragh (Membership Committee), Jennifer Nason Davis, Terry Epperson, Erin Gratz (Conference Program Planning 2011 & Publications Committee), Randy Hertzler, Wade Kotter, Jason Phillips, Annie Paprocki, Wayne Sanders, Venta Silins (Conference Program Planning 2011 & Criminal Justice/Criminology Librarians Discussion Group), Christina Smith (Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group), Sally Willson Weimer, David Woolwine

2. Approval of agenda [Sat.]

Agenda approved.

3. Approval of minutes of Midwinter 2010 Boston meeting (Wayne Sanders) [Sat. & Mon.]

Revisions identified:

- under agenda item 8.2: very active in the STLS section. Sally

The minutes were approved provisionally with addenda identified and additional changes to Wayne Sanders, Secretary by July 14, 2010.

4. Announcements and reminders [Sat. & Mon.]

1. Sat.: The ANSS Annual Conference Program begins Sunday at 8:00 AM.
2. Sat.: The Sociology Librarians Discussion Group will be held today at 10:30 AM in the Massachusetts Room of this hotel. The topic will be Sociology Librarian 2.0 – imagined technology and implications (Afeworki Paulos)
3. Mon.: Randy Hertzler reminded members he will be sending materials to the archives.

5. ACRL/ALA Reports

5.1 ACRL Leadership Council (Liz Cooper/Jennifer Nason-Davis/Randy Hertzler) [Sat.]

Highlights:

- ACRL is starting a technology task force to better meet member needs related to technology.
- Presidents program was canceled because the invited speaker had to go with President Obama to Toronto.
- ACRL 2011 will be held in March in Philadelphia.
 - They have changed how they are doing paper acceptance. Restructured with from 19% to 28% acceptance rate.
- Prioritization of top five trends that will have the greatest impact on our library over the next five years, such as the continued movement to digital resources.

- Discussion of “return on investment” (ROI).
 - What is the libraries' value considering the current budget constraints?
 - What are libraries best positioned to do? What can ACRL best provide that is beyond what you, or your institution can do?
 - ACRL report commissioned: ACRL Value of Academic Libraries Report
- Receptive to member needs. Write in ideas also areas of focus – new ideas.

5.2 ACRL Communities of Practice Assembly (Liz Cooper/Jennifer Nason-Davis/Randy Hertzler) [Sat.]

- The CLS (CLS) program will offer research coaches and reaccreditation coaches.
- The STS (Science & Technology Section) offers an award.
- Some sections are having one person per committee in charge of virtual members.
- Another section has open access committee, virtual participation task force, subject librarian task force, evidence-based research committee, and an outreach committee.
- Jennifer Nason Davis reported that Women Studies Section has changed its name to Women & Gender Studies.
- WESS had considered merging with the Slavic Section, but decided not to do so. Instead they will work together on conference programming.
- Two groups applied for funding for podcasts. What could ANSS be doing with that? Randy Hertzler suggested we might look at podcasting discussion group sessions.

MaryEllen Davis and Lori Goetsch reported:

The ACRL Board discussed a draft to raise dues. Next, it will go to the members for a vote with the earliest implementation in 2012.

Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe discussed proposed changes to the ACRL Council of Liaisons.

They sent out a proposal between Midwinter and Annual. ANSS sent detailed feedback that was rebutted by the ACRL Chair Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe. Voting on the issue will be held at this coming ACRL Board meeting. Three new liaisons were appointed this year because proposed changes to the program had not yet been implemented.

The ACRL Council of Liaisons may dissolve. Sections would be in charge of their own liaisons and not need ACRL approval. The Sections could get funds by applying to ACRL annually, which may get funded. This would include the broad-based ones too. Sally Willson Weimer, ACRL Liaison to the ASA, added that there is still uncertainty how the Liaisons will communicate to each other. Funding is linked to the ACRL strategic plan. The ACRL Council of Liaisons will be meeting tomorrow afternoon June 27th.

We will look more during the ANSS Review & Planning Committee meeting to reestablish the Liaison Committee to oversee that process.

Liz Cooper had a last announcement regarding the budget:

ACRL has talked about increasing section funds. ANSS and each section currently receive \$750 per year. In the proposal (middle option), each section minimal get \$1,000 and an additional 75 cents for each member over 200. For ANSS that would be 1230 dollars. Voting will be held during the Annual Conference. The sections can get grants, perform fundraising, etc.

Liz shared with the other Sections that the ANSS Annual Program will be held tomorrow at 8:00 AM in the Convention Center with full breakfast and Annie Paprocki serving as the moderator. See the Conference Program Planning Committee report for more details.

5.3 ACRL Board (Lis Chabot) [Mon., 10:30]

General information:

There was no ACRL/ASCLA/LLAMA President's Program because speaker Ron Emmanuel, was called away for the G20 Conference in Toronto. The canceled session was titled “Capitalizing on Crisis: Leading Libraries in the Post-Recession Era.”

The ACRL Board will discuss a dues increase. ACRL seeks to balance needs of members and costs to

find stable way to support the organization. Currently, there is a \$9 loss per member. The last dues increase was in 2005 and went into effect in 2007. Instead of crisis, bylaws change members vote to use heavy index. Higher education index “membership organizations” out of that, see how handle & factor in. Align dues through small incremental increases will be on the ballot. The Board is committed to a ceiling for the increase.

ACRL contracted with the I school at Syracuse to create a values of libraries report containing an extensive literature review – Report Values of Libraries reports

Strategic plan for ACRL was reviewed with changes in funding of higher education.
Membership is down a bit, but not significantly.
Proposal Dues increase would not go into effect until 2012 if passed.

ACRL has proposed reorganization of the liaisons program with a coordinating committee and subcommittees. How to address other relationships ACRL hasn't looked at yet? The Council of Liaisons is on the ACRL Board agenda for Monday afternoon. If funding does come from the Sections, this will loosen restrictions on money. Section would be more open to how they may use funds, such as Travel.

5.4 ACRL news/info (Adam Burling) [Mon., 11:30-12:00]

Adam Burling was present to answer any questions.

- His understanding is that section funds could be used to send liaison(s) to conference(s).
- Jenny Bowers asked about the revision and printing cycle for the ANSS brochure.
- Adam responded ANSS should use supply we have first, which is probably about 1000 left. Revision of the brochure postponed for now.

6. ANSS Committee and Discussion Group Reports [Sat. & Mon.]

6.1 Instruction and Information Literacy Committee (Stephanie Alexander and Jason Phillips) [Mon.]

- Jason reported on the ACRL instruction literacy coordinating committee. Want to investigate how we fit in.
- Developing a survey, questions about flexibility of the repository, lots of people are not doing print as much, more web documents. Is it worth still seeking out these materials?
- Sally Willson Weimer gave a report on *Trails*. Sally provided a flier [Trails1.jpg & Trails2.jpg attachments]
- Incentives for survey
- The ANSS Repository of Teaching and Assessment Materials still lives at New York University Faculty Digital Archive at: <http://archive.nyu.edu/handle/2451/28103> for the near future. Once more certainty about the location of our web presence, then the Committee will revisit thinking about more permanent home.

6.2 Bibliography Committee (Helen Clements) [Mon.]

- The Committee met yesterday.
- The last couple of articles have been reviews of *GoogleScholar* and *AnthropologyPlus*. Working on a review of Alexander Street Press's *Ethnographic Videos Online* for the Fall issue of *Currents*.
 - The Alexander Street Press model starts small and then will expand with additional resources. These videos are available in usable formats with value added content such as scripts. Due to the formats and age of some resources contained the product, *Ethnographic Videos Online* is extremely costly, but both purchase and leasing options are available.
- Discussion about topic for next review: *Trails* database for sociology, since it has been awhile since the Committee reviewed a sociology resource. Could review and suggest institutional pricing would be good thing.
- Other thing asking informally for people with articles, research, bibliography, etc. to submit a few sentences summary that would be of interest to other Section members.

6.3 Conference Program Planning 2010, Washington, D.C. (Annie Paprocki) [Mon.]

- Title: *Standing Up and Sitting In: Libraries and Social Change* was held Sunday June 27th from 8:00-11:00 in the Washington Convention Center, Room 151B.
 - Very interesting program with three distinguished guest speakers (Cheryl Knott Malone, John Feffer, and Kathleen de la Peña McCook) who shared their research and involvement in promoting civic engagement and human rights, inviting conversation about how librarians can become engaged in social movements. More information on the program is available at: <http://anssdc.wordpress.com>
 - An account of the ANSS Annual Program is also in *Cognotes* today!
 - Great planning committee for the past two years. All speakers were very interesting. Preliminary feedback is all positive from reviewing the program evaluations.
 - Next time, ANSS should provide more fruit for breakfast.
 - Attendance: Unofficial counts were around 150 at the midpoint of the program. No official counts available yet.
 - Recommend doing the ANSS general membership meeting at the beginning of the annual program again. Worked well.
- 6.4 Conference Program Planning 2011, New Orleans, (Erin Gratz & Venta Silins) [Mon.]
- The ANSS Annual Program proposal was accepted tentatively for approval by ALA ACRL.
 - The title will be *Katrina and its aftermath: The people and neighborhoods of New Orleans*
 - The program will be held Sunday, June 26 from 8:30 AM-Noon.
 - The members of the Committee have already confirmed two speakers:
 - Rebecca Blakely will talk about document recovery after Hurricane Rita and
 - Fred Weill, filmmaker and professor from New Orleans.
- 6.5 Membership Committee (Jennifer Darragh & Jenny Bowers) [Mon].
- We held a successful ANSS Social with 27 attendees at the Capitol City Brewing Company. Jen Darragh met others at the Convention Center before the event and walked to dinner with them. The event was advertised on ANSS-L, Facebook, and alaConnect.
 - The Midwinter ANSS Social planning is under way. We are looking at 7:00 PM for San Diego.
 - As many members belong to multiple sections, the committee is hoping to attract by posting to sister section listservs and by working with Juliann Coutoure to perhaps hold a joint social with our colleagues in Women and Gender Studies & Education and Behavioral Science Sections.
 - We need to promote our Ambassador program. We had no takers in the Ambassador program this time. We will advertise on NMRT-L.
 - Committee worked on a membership survey and drafted some 15 to 20 questions, approximately 15-20 minutes in duration. The Instruction and Information Literacy Committee came up with some questions as did the Subject & Bibliographic Access Committee.
 - Membership profile:
 - Dec. 2009-May 2010: 47 new members, 18 reinstates, 74 drops.
 - Totals: 443 personal + 41 organizational = 484 total
 - 56 Facebook fans, 29 followers Twitter, and 407 subscribers on ANSS-L this last July.
- 6.6 Nominating Committee 2011 (Randy Hertzler) [Sat.]
- The members will be meeting after Executive II. It will be informal, going through the time line and reviewing lists of potential candidates. Committee will decide how to get the slate together before September. Three open positions: Vice-chair/Chair-elect; Member-at-large, and Secretary.
 - Sally Willson Weimer asked about building leadership so candidates feel confident as officers. Randy reported they use prior success and interest from our committees.
- 6.7 Publications Committee (Erin Gratz) [Mon.]
- Carol Bell stepped down as co-chair. Jenny Bowers will be in charge of *Currents*, brochures, etc.
 - The Committee developed goals:
 - updating the ANSS brochure
 - enhancing Facebook page
 - revising the *Currents* writing guidelines and standards

- The Committee proposes moving the ANSS website off ALA's Collage to WordPress. AIMS & AFAS are on WordPress. It would not be linked to an institution, easier to update, and each committee could have its own page off it. The proposal was seconded. Executive Committee approved.
- Discussion of where should we post agendas, minutes, etc? Very recently we heard inklings that ALAconnect may go away. Should we continue doing it in the meantime? Instead, will want to post such documents to the new website.
- ALAconnect allows for different levels of access to different people (members and nonmembers). ANSS wants them all set to "open" (except Nominating).

6.8 Review & Planning Committee (Randy Hertzler) [Mon.]

Discussed issues surrounding virtual membership. Some committees, discussion groups, etc. are more suitable than others for virtual participation. Worked on language to provide guidance and structure into the ANSS Manual. The Committee opted to leave the decisions up to the chairs. Before making appointments, the Vice Chair will contact chairs to see what is acceptable based on their needs

Talked about the *Rapid Assessment Tool for Sociology Collections and Services in Academic Libraries* and its care and maintenance. Commitment to readdress the issue in Executive and Review & Planning Committees in 2012. David Woolwine will send print copy incorporating amendments for the ACRL Archives to Randy Hertzler.

The name of the Bibliography Committee has been a topic of discussion for years. The Review & Planning Committee reviewed comparable committees in other sections and suggested renaming our committee to Research or Resource Tools Review Committee. Will propose suggestion to Helen Clements, Chair, to bring to the Committee and see if acceptable.

Another action was to adjust language in the ANSS manual to be more flexible for size of committees.

Talked about adding committees or task forces for the future:

- Research & Awards Committee – significant research going on or awards for outstanding scholarly article/book.
- EBSS is doing a research poster session -
- Another possibility is a Technology Task Force

The Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group recommends that The Review & Planning Committee create an ad hoc committee charged with developing a core list of academic library core journals and another one for books in Anthropology. This would be similar to the core lists created by the Women's Studies Section. Liz Cooper also asked them to take a look at what is already on the website to review (looking at what should be retained and what is outdated).

6.9 Subject & Bibliographic Access Committee (Wade Kotter/Isabel Quintana) [Mon.]

Much of the Committee's work is done virtually so the Committee would be open to virtual membership.

The Committee scheduled questions through January 2011: RDA, serial titles, Islamic studies, psychological anthropology, and with the recent oil spill, the human effect on nature.

Lars Klint and Stephanie Rocio-Miles will work on compiling and posting the new lists of Library of Congress Subject Headings related to our fields.

The committee will also continue to work on its web presence. Wayne Sanders is working on creating an index for the our monthly Questions & Answers. For Erin Gratz, orphan pages can be removed.

Talked about questions for an ANSS survey and Wade Kotter follow up with Membership Committee.

Discussed use of ALAConnect.

Pauline Manaka reported that the subject headings on a faculty book in OCLC WorldCat had been unsatisfactory to the faculty member. The record was revised by a Isabel Quintana.

6.10 Assessment of Library Collections & Services Committee (David Woolwine) [Sat.]

Voted on online remove a redundancy and make minor changes. - Executive Committee will need to reaffirm votes on Monday

David Woolwine's understanding from talking to the main Sociology contact, wait until we've made final changes before posting at the ASA. The ASA has already posted the document on their website. Concerns: at ASA wanted tool broken to 4 levels for each level of degree granting institutions. That serves their purposes, footnotes are still there. Tom Van Valey is the contact within ASA. Sally suggested linking to our full document as a symbolic linking for our continued relationship.

What about future revisions? David's suggestion is that the tool not be revised for a period of time until both ASA & ANSS look at it seriously, say 3-5 years, but important to have some mode of communication between the two groups. The role may need to reside with liaison committee. Randy Hertzler noted we will look at this issue in the upcoming Review & Planning Committee to determine the most logical place for the document to live.

6.11 Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group (Christina Smith, convener) [Mon.]

Main focus of the Discussion Group was African Studies: "African Studies for the rest of us." It was held Sunday, June 27th, 4:00-5:30 PM

The Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group's main topic of discussion was print and online resources pertaining to Africa. David Woolwine assisted convener Christina Smith with the discussion. Several of the seventeen people attending brought handouts to share: African studies research guides and search results for sample searches in a variety of databases. We talked about open access journals, indexes, databases, unique collections, and more.

The topic for Midwinter 2011 in San Diego will be biological anthropology. We anticipate inviting University of San Diego biological anthropology faculty to join us.

6.12 Criminal Justice/Criminology Librarians Discussion Group (Venta Silins) [Mon.]

Venta Silins reported that there were 7 people at the discussion. National Criminal Justice Reference Service guest Kreg Purcell talked about their resources. They often get students asking them questions. Their preference is that students go through the library before contacting his agency. See <http://www.ncjrs.gov>. They will mail any documents for the cost of postage and handling, but everything is online at their library's website. Their records also are put into OCLC WorldCat for other libraries to search and find. They also collect grey literature.

6.13 Sociology Librarians Discussion Group (Afeworki Paulos) [Sat.]

The topic will be "Sociology Librarian 2.0? How are web 2.0 technologies shaping subject specialist librarianship?" The discussion will be held today at 10:30 AM in the Massachusetts Room.

7. ANSS Business [Sat. & Mon.]

[Sat.]: Three votes were recently held over e-mail (one related to the Membership Committee, one related to the Subject & Bibliographic Access Committee charter, and one related to the ad hoc Assessment of Library Collections & Services Committee changed – all three passed). We will need to confirm our vote on Monday.

IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations):

- (Liz, currently social science librarian)
- Both ANSS & EBSS can nominate for IFLA. Two applications this year were forwarded to the ACRL group, then make recommendations to the Board, then to ALA, and finally to IFLA.

[Mon.]: Motion from David Woolwine to reaffirm votes previously held via e-mail. Seconded.

- Proposal from our Membership Committee changing the text in the charge so it is no longer required to send physical letters, etc.: Approved and reaffirmed.
- Subject & Bibliographic Access Committee, related to qualifications & number, reaffirm: Majority reaffirmed.
- (Ad hoc) Assessment of Library Collections & Services Committee – minor changes discussed to the document .: Affirmative vote reaffirmed.

ANSS Budget (Liz Cooper) [Sat.]

It has been an interesting budget year. ANSS gets \$750 in general funds, \$1000 for the program usually consisting of non librarian speakers. Transfer \$700 to program, 2 of 3 speakers are librarians, so only 1 of 3 \$300-\$500 honorarium is appropriate. This year, the Section did not need all the funds, transferred back to general funds. The officers can use some of the general funds to pay for lunch for the speakers only. This means ANSS has \$600 to spend before Aug. 15th. Call for ideas.

Annie Paprocki asked about recruitment. Perhaps the Membership Committee might have a use for more early contact with library students.

Last year, Sally Willson Weimer really wanted to have a brochure about ACRL for ASA members, but most content would really come from ANSS. Services & opportunities to work with sociology librarians or subject specialists. A 1 page brochure. Sally Willson Weimer has a copy of what she did last year for the ASA. How support sociology, build collections, and provide services. With only a month remaining, time is a concern. Liz Cooper mentioned ANSS will in future have more money. A number of possibilities such as publications, membership, liaison, perhaps part of collaboration.

David Woolwine suggested sending pamphlets to library schools and thereby spending some funds on outreach and public relations mailings, but check with Membership Committee first to verify they are not working on this already in some way.

The former Liaison Committee, used to send out one-third to libraries, one-third to other professional organizations, one-third to library schools.

Liaisons:

Annie Paprocki: [Sat.]

Proposal about disbanding the Council of Liaisons is in front of the ACRL Board today. ACRL will move discipline based liaisons to be managed by sections. The ACRL Board would still identify and take applications for broad spectrum liaisons, but selection will still be in the Sections. The Board is attempting to expand the Liaison program and make it more flexible.

The implication for ANSS is that ACRL probably will not be funding our liaisons. ACRL will have a coordinating body committee, with subcommittees. They will administer a budget for which liaisons may apply. It will be a larger pool of money, but also more competitive. (It will probably rise from 10 liaisons to (10 to 40) liaisons.) (Currently ACRL supports \$1500 for each liaison.)

Sally Willson Weimer added that currently liaisons outside of the liaison funding structure (unofficial), so more competitive yet be more inclusive.

Other ANSS business

8. AAA Liaison Report (Annie Paprocki) [Sat.]

The Executive Committee previously discussed a little about some possible changes to the ACRL liaison program. A meeting will be held tomorrow.

Annie reported her current activities as liaison. She has also submitted a small article for *Currents* in the upcoming Spring issue. Annie Paprocki shared her liaison experience from attending the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Conference. Since then, she went to Central States Anthropological Society meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. It was a chance to work with people on a smaller scale. Interesting experience, AAA president had forum at, asked about Open Access, costs of journals, She may teaching a program for anthropology department teaching assistants at Annual in New Orleans. Next conference will be held in November in New Orleans. Looking for to working with Student Section more, follow up with work on forum discussing international scholarly communication in anthropology.

Annie will probably submit another article for *Currents* after the next issue.

ASA Liaison Report (Sally Willson Weimer) [Sat.]

Article in *Currents* is what is on the green handout. The most interesting thing is that we know the Council of Liaisons is changing. It has been an interesting process.

ASA has the *Trails* – electronic teaching library.

Available at: <http://trails.asanet.org/Pages/TDLContent.aspx>

Information available at: http://www.asanet.org/press/TRAILS_NewsRelease.cfm

They're having 10-15 editors, reviewed. \$24/yr./\$100 non members)

Previously, the ASA had curriculum handbooks, 10-200 pages for teaching on a topic such as sexuality, etc. Quite different because *Trails* is peer reviewed.

Have been scanned & based lines.

Chair of Information Literacy Committee could have access for this. Perhaps we could use funds to pay for a subscription. Randy Hertzler commented perhaps the Bibliography Committee could review the resource.

Sally advised that Tom Van Valey, Western Michigan University, will be holding a Departmental Workshop at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting to be held August 14, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia titled "The Library and Sociology: A New Rapid Assessment Tool for Library Collections and Services Related to Sociology". Hoping to continue dialog of how tool is working and how librarians work with sociology departments in assessment of collections and with reaccreditation.

See Green/white reports [\[attachments\]](#)

Liz Cooper thanked Annie Paprocki & Sally Willson Weimer for their service as ACRL Liaisons.

Other Reports

9. Other Business

Meetings adjourned.

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