

**ANSS Executive Committee Draft Minutes
Anthropology and Sociology Section (ANSS)
Association of College & Research Libraries
American Library Association
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Saturday, June 23, 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m., Disneyland Hotel, Adventure Room

Monday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Disneyland Hotel, Grand Ballroom North

1. **Introduction of members and guests [Sat]:** Terry Epperson (Chair), Jen Darragh (Vice-Chair), Erin Gratz (Publications/Secretary), Jennifer Nason Davis (Past Chair), Katie Anderson (2013 Program Planning), Marilia Antunez (Liaison), Helen Clements (Co-Chair, Membership), Sue McFadden (Resource Review and Bibliography), Annie Paprocki (Membership), Chris Smith (Anthropology Convener), Rui Wang (incoming Sociology Co-Convener) Sally Willson Weimer (Liaison/Criminology Convener)
2. **Introduction of members and guests [Mon]:** Terry Epperson (Chair), Jen Darragh (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Nason Davis (Past Chair), Erin Gratz (Publications/Secretary), Lis Chabot (Board Liaison), Marilia Antunez (Liaison), Helen Clements (Co-Chair, Membership), Juliann Couture (Information Literacy & Instruction), Tammy Ivans, Anne Larrivee (2013 Program Planning), Pauline Manaka (Sociology Co-Convener/incoming Vice-Chair), Miriam Rigby (Sociology Co-Convener), Chris Smith (Anthropology Convener), Rui Wang (incoming Sociology Co-Convener) Sally Willson Weimer (Liaison/Criminology Convener)
3. **Approval of agenda [Sat]:** Approved.
4. **Approval of minutes of Midwinter 2012 meeting in Dallas, TX (Erin Gratz) [Sat & Mon] :** Approved with changes. In 5, correct Jill Blaemers; in items 1 & 2, correct Willson Weimer; in 6.7, correct Sheehan.
5. **Announcements and reminders [Sat & Mon]:**
 - Liaison Committee is meeting today (Sat) at 1:30 in the Congo room.
 - Submit meeting minutes as soon as possible. Terry will submit a copy to Megan and Erin. While you are writing your minutes, also write up the blurb for Currents and send to the new Currents co-editors Hailey Mooney and Kathleen Pickens-French. It is unreasonable to send them the minutes and expect them to write a blurb.
 - If you haven't turned in your attendance form, please fax or scan it to Helen.
 - The call for posters and virtual programs is still open for the 2013 ACRL conference. The theme is: Imagine, Innovate, Inspire.
6. **ACRL/ALA Reports**
 - 6.1 **ACRL Leadership Council (Jennifer Nason Davis/Terry Epperson/Jen Darragh) [Sat]:** Terry discussed the will be changes in conference programs in 2013. This year there will be 19 programs, and all will be held in the convention center. The number of programs each year will vary by space in the convention center and time slots will be shorter. Sections will no longer be able to determine the time slot of the program. Jennifer reported on the ACRL brand and core organizational values.
 - 6.2 **ACRL Communities of Practice (Terry Epperson) [Sat]:** Terry discussed the recommendations from the taskforce. A request was made for the ACRL Board to rescind

the removal of interest groups. Interest groups are seen as incubators for new sections. The number of signatures needed to set up an interest group was increased from 50 to 75.

A more concerning recommendation is if section membership remains below 400 for three consecutive years, it will need to discuss transition options with ACRL. Options include: merging with another section or becoming an interest group. During the 4th year the section will need to submit an action/transition plan, otherwise it will be dissolved. Membership of a section will be the only metric used in determining viability. Programming and section activity will no longer be considered. ANSS's membership is currently 466; all sections have declined in membership over the past few years. This is primarily due to staff time and money given to the sections. ACRL Board I meeting is Saturday from 1:30 -5:30, with an open mic from 4:30 -5pm. The vote will occur on Monday. Since this is not a by-law change, there doesn't have to be a vote by the membership.

Discussion on important points to share with Lis in Monday's Exec Meeting:

1. The selection of 400 members seems arbitrary.
2. Other metrics should be included to decide if sections are viable.
3. Merging sections of interest is diluting the purpose of the section. This may result in further drop of membership or impact conference attendance in general.
4. Members are paying more money to ACRL and are not getting the same amount of services out. There is a top down collapse. ACRL needs to rethink what the organization is about; more than just branding. ACRL is not helping our section provide good service. (ex: connecting with members at conferences, membership reports, etc.)

6.3 ACRL Board (Lis Chabot) [Mon]: The implementation task force's intention is to provide flexibility for the Communities of Practice. The data indicates a threshold of sections below 400 struggle and been less vital in a manner ways. The disturbing outcome is that the more diverse sections are the ones immediately affected by the new level of 400 members. One section attended the ACRL Board I and asked if ACRL supports inclusivity and diversity. This is primarily a resource issue, more of staff time versus financial. The sections under 400 include: AFAS, AAMES, Slavic and Eastern European Studies. There was a discussion regarding the value of sections on areas of specializations, possibility of losing members, working with sections threatened by the number of members, and some of the areas specialization cut across the type of library (e.g. data).

The decision to allow interest groups to continue is non-controversial, and the recommendation is to change the required signatures from 25 to 75. The interest groups provide an evolutionary model for the start of sections. There is currently one interest group with more than 400 members.

During ACRL Board II the recommendations will be presented and revisions are likely. The Board will discuss the recommendations and give direction today, there will not be a vote.

There is tension between how the organization can support the professional values (intellectual freedom, diversity, etc.) and organizational structures.

6.4 ACRL News & Info: Jennifer discussed the open forum of the Communities of Practice Implementation Task Force at ACRL Board I. She made several points at the forum: concern about dropping sections after 3 years below the 400 member level, it would be extremely difficult to become a section again or to maintain 400 members as an interest

group. Sections are vital in a variety of ways (full slates, programs, active membership, etc.). There are members that belong to ACRL in order to belong to ANSS, and the loss of a section would impact ACRL membership level.

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

7.1 Information Literacy Comm. (Juliann Couture) [Mon]: Almost everyone rotated off the committee this year; there are 8 new members. Juliann will be a co-chair this year to work with a new co-chair. The focus for the year is to identify goals for the committee and repository issues (submissions, location, accessibility). The repository should be accessible to more than just ANSS members, as well as current and relevant to users.

7.2 Resource Review & Bibliography Comm. (Sue McFadden) [Sat]: The committee is developing a list of resources and a plan of which resources will be reviewed. The next review will be the Bibliography of Native North Americans written by Sue McFadden and Helen Clements.

7.3 Conf. Prog. Planning 2013, Chicago (Katie Anderson/Anne Marie Larrivee) [Mon]: The committee had a very productive meeting. The program was accepted for Annual 2013. It has been a team effort. Now that the program has been accepted moving forward with the next steps: discussing possible speakers; contacting EBSCO regarding sponsorship; possibility of a raffle with giveaways. The program is being sponsored in name only with the University Library section. The title of the program is: Studying libraries and studying ourselves. Discussion regarding schedule and program time slot. Discussion regarding sponsorship by EBSCO versus ProQuest.

7.4 Membership Comm. (Helen P. Clements/Annie Paprocki) [Sat]: Annie reported our membership numbers are down 7.5%. Last year membership was 504, this year it is 466. This is a trend for ALA, ACRL and sections. We are doing good work, we do not know that the membership numbers indicate anything personally. The membership committee worked on the 40th. Helen and Annie stepped in and did a great job, and a big kudos to Megan Griffin for all the work that she did. Also thank you to Joyce Ogburn for donating money to the event. Terry proposed to have a brief General Membership meeting during the dinner. **[Mon]:** The committee is working on guidelines for planning socials. Jen gave an update on the virtual "Getting to Know ANSS" meeting. It gave some beneficial one on one interaction with new members; hope that this helps members get involved with the section. Most of the attendees were people who aren't active in the section; this gave them the opportunity to ask questions. Discussed a formal orientation for ANSS members (e.g. ANSS 101) with possibly videos, etc. to engage more members.

7.5 Nominating Comm. 2013 (Jennifer Nason Davis) [Sat]: Three positions are open for the 2013 slate: vice-chair, secretary, and member at-large. At least 6 candidates are needed. To nominate someone or yourself, please email Jennifer Nason Davis.

7.6 Publications Comm. (Jenny Bowers/Erin Gratz) [Mon]: Jenny Bowers is rotating off the committee, and Jenny and Lesley are rotating off as co-editors of Currents. The new co-editors are Hailey Mooney and Kathleen Pickens-French. They will work with Lesley and Jenny for the Fall Currents. The new Co-Chair is Hailey Mooney.

The committee is continuing to work on the logo project. The website is status quo. Committee chairs are encouraged to pass on relevant content for the home page.

7.7 Review & Planning Comm. (Jennifer Nason Davis) [Mon]: The Rapid Assessment tool is tabled until we hear from David Woolwine. Decided to conduct a poll of the membership to determine if anyone has used the tool. The committee discussed two Ad Hoc taskforces.

7.7.1 Ad Hoc Taskforce on Cyber Participation. Charge: To investigate and implement best practices for cyber committee participation. Vote to form taskforce. Passed unanimously. The taskforce is encouraged to have work done by late September. Current members are Sue McFadden, Jen Darragh, and Erin Gratz. Jen will announce the taskforce on ANSS-L to solicit other ANSS members who might be interested.

7.7.2 Ad Hoc task force for the Toolkits. Charge: To create and edit electronic toolkits, to aide newly appointed librarians in subjects of interest to ANSS. Vote to form taskforce. Passed unanimously. Chris Smith volunteered to chair the task force.

7.8 Subject & Bibliographic Access Comm. (Lars Klint *in absentia*) [Mon]: Terry reported for Lars. The committee had a virtual meeting. The set the Q & A schedule for the fall, and have also provided pros and cons of a virtual meeting. Lars is rotating off the committee. The new Co-Chairs are Wade Kotter and Carolyn McCallum.

7.9 Anthropology Librarians Disc. Group (Chris Smith) [Mon]: A group of 12 librarians met Sunday Morning to crowd-source edit the document, Anthropology Librarians Tool Kit, located at <http://connect.ala.org/node/173710>. More work remains to be done and ANSS members are encouraged to log in and edit or comment on the Tool Kit.

Topics for Midwinter 2013 in Seattle (or possibly Annual Conference in Chicago) were solicited. It was agreed that linguistics would be a useful topic to discuss at a future meeting, if a speaker can be identified. This topic was last discussed at the Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group at Annual Conference in 1998, when ANSS member Anna L. DeMiller spoke on anthropological linguistics.

Miriam Rigby will be the new Anthropology Co-Convener.

7.10 Criminal Justice/Criminology Librarians Disc. Group (Sally Willson Weimer) [Mon]: Will Weston from SDSU was the guest speaker. He is the department head of collection development. 10-12 people attended. Find the powerpoint slides at: <http://www.slideshare.net/wil.weston>

Linda Fowler is the new Criminal Justice/Criminology Co-Convener.

7.11 Sociology Librarians Disc. Group (Pauline Manaka/Miriam Rigby) [Mon]: The group of worked on the Sociology Librarians Tool Kit, located at <http://connect.ala.org/node/66357>. It was extremely beneficial to have a projector in the room. Discussed future topics something focused on linking IL standards with outcomes/assessment. Both Pauline and Miriam are rotating off.

The new conveners are Rui Wang and Jeff Lacy.

7.12 Liaison Committee (Sally Willson Weimer/ Marilia Yesenia Antunez) [Mon]:

The call is out for liaisons to ASA And AAA with a due date of June 30th. The committee will put out another call and extend the due date to July 15th. The names will be sent to ACRL board for them to make the final decision by August 1st. ACRL liaison granting committee has created a rubric regarding funding. The committee will be recommending the American Academy of Criminal Justice be added as a third liaison association. There are 15 ACRL slots for liaisons, currently 12 positions are filled. Terry clarified that the charge gives the committee the power to add organizations to the list.

8. ANSS Business [Sat & Mon]

8.1 ANSS Budget (Terry Epperson) [Sat]: The money for this fiscal year was spent.

8.2 ANSS Logo (Jenny Bowers/Erin Gratz) [Sat]: This is an informational item. Erin went over the possible logo designs, the reasons why a logo is needed, and the upcoming process of voting. Exec recommended the membership be given the choice of 3 logos.

8.3 Other ANSS business: Jen discussed the “Getting to know ANSS” virtual meeting held on June 13 by teleconference. There were 10 people on the call. Some of the members of Executive Committee were present. Questions were asked about how to get involved, committee membership, etc. Feedback from participants was positive and that the session was very helpful. Encourage the new leadership to continue to do these sessions. There was a suggestion to plan timing prior to the time to volunteer for committees. For Currents, the Chair message to discuss the committee process or any other questions.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Cyber participation (virtual and hybrid) [Sat or Mon]: The new Ad Hoc Task Force on Cyber Participation was created. Documents that should be considered by the taskforce: STS best practices and LPSS strategic plan refers to virtual meetings. Sue McFadden told about the STS tinychat monthly discussion.

9.2 ALA Emerging Leaders [Sat or Mon]: The deadline for sections to submit is October 1. A decision has not been made yet.

9.3 International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) [Sat or Mon]: Social Sciences position is shared by ANSS and EBSS. No one has applied at this time.

9.4 Scheduling for Midwinter [Sat or Mon]:

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Gratz, ANSS Secretary