

ACRL ANSS (Anthropology and Sociology Section) Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

ALA Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA

June 23, 2012, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Disneyland Hotel, Congo Room

Present: Katie Anderson, Marilia Antunez (notetaker), Anne Larrivee, and Sally Willson Weimer

I. Welcome: Marilia Antunez and Sally Willson Weimer, Co-chairs

II. Introductions of Members

- Katie is liaison to criminal justice, social work, sociology, psychology and anthropology programs.
- Marilia is the liaison for criminal justice, social work and sociology programs at Boise State University.
- Anne is liaison for Anthropology, Social Work, Human Development, and Africana Studies.
- Sally is the librarian for sociology, global and international studies, global peace and security programs at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

III. Process and Criteria for Selecting Liaisons

- Katie volunteered to send a list of working links from ALA Connect to amend ANSS Liaison Committee Meeting minutes.

IV. Status of Applications for AAA And ASA Liaisons

- To date, only one application was received:
 - Amanda Swygart-Hobaugh applied for the ACRL Liaison to the American Sociological Association (ASA).
 - There are no applications for the ACRL Liaison to the American Anthropological Association (AAA).
- “ACRL liaisons are responsible for outreach, education, and communication between” organizations [e.g. ASA or AAA] and ACRL to form strong relationships and advance the interests of ACRL and ANSS.”
- To expand the pool of applicants, members unimously agreed to (1) send a second call for applications and to (2) extend the selection process timeline for the ANSS Executive Committee to review applications from July 15 to July 30th, and to (3) notify applicant(s) on August 30th.
- The previous review timeline was July 1 to July 15, 2012; and August 1 was the deadline to notify the successful candidate.
- Sally suggested adding a call to ALA’s UL list serv.
- Currently, the deadline for submission is June 30, 2012 and the Liaison Committee will start reviewing applications on July 1, 2012.
- Marilia volunteered to write letter of recommendation for the ANSS Executive Committee.
- Discussion of reviewing criteria for the selection of liaisons. This is needed when there are multiple candidates.

- Candidates must meet the ACRL “Plan for Excellence” and members agreed that more expectations for ACRL liaisons need to be emphasized.
- Katie suggested using the “Recruitment Plan – Society for College and University Planning (SCUP)”

IV. Identification of a Third Relevant Scholarly Society

- Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the ANSS Executive Board to authorize the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), “An international association...established to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field” as a liaison organization/society for the first time (www.acjs.org).
- Typically, there are 10 to 12 ACRL liaisons. ACRL liaisons can apply for funding and this often depends on ACRL’s schedule and funding available. The process typically starts in March.

V. Update on Committee Membership

- As discussed on the Executive Committee Meeting I, the Committee discussed a continued decreased in ALA/ACRL ANSS membership.
- Currently membership is 466 ANSS members.
- Sally urged members to consider these questions:
 - What didn’t go well? and What would you like to see improved?
 - Sally encouraged members to volunteer for the ACRL/ANSS Committee in 2012-2013 (printout for ACRL Committee website).

VI. Plan for 2013 ALA Midwinter, Seattle, WA

- In approximately two months, members agreed to have a virtual ANSS Liaison Committee meeting.
- The meeting will be advertised in *ANSS Currents*.

VII. Prepare Summary for ANSS Executive Committee

- ANSS Liaison Committee will request Executive Board to add the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), as a third scholarly society to liase with ACRL and to have a liaison.
- Katie will update ANSS Executive Committee on Recruitment Plan for each organization.
- Recommend searching for educational opportunities (for ANSS members); this might help increase membership.

VIII. Virtual Meeting Opportunities

- Some potential technology tools for virtual meetings were identified: Google+ (includes chat session), Skype, and others.

IX. Adjournment