

**ACRL**  
**Anthropology and Sociology Section**  
**Membership Committee**  
**Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 29, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Hyatt Regency Hotel & Towers, Skyway 280**  
**DRAFT Minutes**

**Attendees:** Miriam Rigby (Co-Chair), Helen Clements (Co-Chair), Anne Larrivee, (Incoming Member-At-Large/Co-Chair); Wayne Sanders. Absent: Ellen Keith, Jenny Bowers, JoAnn Jacoby, as well as Erin Gratz and Jen Darragh, both in another committee meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the Midwinter meeting were approved.

**Current Overall Membership Reported to Executive Committee:** ANSS currently has 444 personal members and 34 organizational members.

**Report from ANSS Social:** Committee members discussed the Social, held at on the patio at Flo & Santos pub, 1210 South Wabash Avenue. It was a success with around 16-20 in attendance, including several prospective ANSS members and several guests. This social was dampened somewhat by a sudden rainstorm, but a good time was had by all. Miriam Rigby acted as Ambassador, bringing several members from the Hilton hotel to Flo & Santos.

It continues to be somewhat difficult to find a venue that will take reservations for a group of 20 to 25, without requiring a deposit, formal menu, bartender, or other arrangements. The members discussed possible alternatives:

- Asking other sections what they are doing to make reservations
- Joining with another section
- Changing to another evening (not favored because of conflicts with other events)
- Finding another type of restaurant where conversation would be easier (however, pubs tend to require less formal pre-arrangement)
- Find a location in a library (Instruction Section is said to have had its social at Columbia College, with a bartender)

It was noted that there are ACRL rules concerning costs and how arrangements for events are made. There was some discussion of trying to find a quiet space to meet, perhaps for coffee or lunch, or an afternoon happy hour. The two meetings for 2014 are located in Philadelphia at Midwinter and Las Vegas at Annual.

**Ambassador Program:** The committee discussed increasing contacts among ANSS

members in different regions, by asking for volunteers to contact other members in their state (or nearby states). This would require access to the section roster and sorting the roster by ZIP code to determine the number of members it would be practical to contact. ANSS-L could be used to call for volunteers who would like to serve as ambassadors/mentors, asking them to self-identify.

Suggestions for publicizing the Ambassador program:

- Use free software to construct a map with dots indicating members' libraries (This idea came from the American Indian Library Association listserv, from a map developed by AILAmember Lisa Dirks.)
- Ask members directly if they would be agreeable to being an ambassador or mentor
- Use other listservs such as ILI-L or the ULS listserv to publicize ANSS and its regional ambassadors (as another possibility for participation in an ACRL section).

**ANSS *Manual for Officers, Chairs and Committee Members*:** This resource is available on the ANSS website in the Committees section, at <http://anssacrl.wordpress.com/committees/manual/>

**Participation in Section Membership Committee:** One of the ANSS Members-At-Large (i.e., co-chairs) attends the Section Membership meeting and reports the section statistics. Section Membership provides a detailed template for this report. There are several categories, such as the number of visits to our website, the number of volunteers at the ACRL booth during meetings, which can also be reported to reflect ANSS activities more fully.

- **Updates to Letters of Welcome:** The committee discussed revising the letters sent by email to new and reinstated members when those names are posted on ALA Connect by the ACRL office. Suggestions included using a shorter format, including bullet points to emphasize the main ideas in the letters. Miriam Rigby noted that there is a gap between the date when membership dues expire and the formal dropping from the roles. The letters could also mention the ANSS Memories project sponsored by the Publications Committee.

### **Other Business**

**Cyber –Participation rules draft:** ACRL requires each section to have rules for virtual memberships. The report on virtual participation by Katie Anderson and Anne Larrivee was noted; ANSS members are asked to read and comment on the draft for the policy on cyber-participation, by which ANSS will govern virtual memberships. The draft is available on ALA Connect at <http://connect.ala.org/node/204249> (login necessary).

**“Get To Know ANSS” Meetings:** Jen Darragh has successfully held two virtual ANSS information sessions using meeting software. The recording of the most recent meeting will be available to those who requested it.

**Revision of the ANSS Brochure:** The Publications Committee will be working on an update for the ANSS brochure. Among the suggestions for additions to the brochure were the inclusion of the membership survey results.

**Action Items:**

Helen Clements will re-draft the letters for new and reinstated members with bullet points before rolling off the committee.

Erin Gratz plans to work on the map of members, if it is possible to get a membership roster.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Clements (outgoing chair)

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