

ANSS Executive Committee Draft Minutes
Anthropology and Sociology Section
Association of College & Research Libraries
American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, 2013
Westin Seattle, Denny/Mercer Room

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

Saturday, January 26, 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Called to order at 8:49am.

Attendees: Terry Epperson (Past Chair), Jen Darragh (Chair), Wade Kotter (Subject/Bibliographic Access), Rui Wang (Sociology convenor), Chris Smith (Anthropology Convener), Sally Willson Weimer (Liaison/Criminology Convener), Katie Anderson (2013 Program Planning), Juliann Couture (Information Literacy & Instruction), Jeff Lacy (Sociology co-convenor), Erin Gratz (Secretary/Publications), Pauline Manaka (Vice Chair)

Monday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Called to order at: 10:30am.

Attendees: Terry Epperson (Past Chair), Jen Darragh (Chair), Wade Kotter (Subject/Bibliographic Access), Chris Smith (Anthropology Co-Convener), Sally Willson Weimer (Liaison/Criminology Co-Convener), Katie Anderson (2013 Program Planning), Erin Gratz (Secretary/Publications), Jeff Lacy (Sociology co-convenor), Liz Chabot (ACRL Board Liaison), Miriam Rigby (Membership/Anthropology Co-Convener), Helen Clements (Membership), Pauline Manaka (Vice-Chair)

2. Approval of agenda [Sat]: Add 7.4: Toolkits Taskforce – Chris Smith. Wade moved, Katie seconded. Approved.

3. Approval of minutes of Annual 2012 meeting in Anaheim, CA (Erin Gratz) [Sat & Mon]: Terry moved, Juliann seconded. Approved.

4. Announcements and reminders [Sat & Mon]:

- Meeting minutes due by February 15th. Email them to Jen Darragh.
- ANSS Currents blurb is due April 1st.
- Annual meeting rooms due by January 31st. AV, virtual, need a room...the programs will be recorded this year...all of them. Internet access if very costly, per person. AV requests must be in by March 1st. The costs for this are not clear.
- Social Sciences Boot Camp at Tufts is the 3rd Annual. It is quite awesome.
- Pauline encouraged people to fill out the Volunteer Form for committee participation. The deadline is February 15th.

5. ACRL/ALA Reports

5.2 ACRL Leadership Council (Terry Epperson/Pauline Manaka) [Sat]: Sally reported on behalf of Terry and Pauline. Most of the meeting focused on the branding of ACRL, along with an activity to create tag lines for the organization. Steven Bell presented results of the membership survey and the need to build sustainability and new members affiliation with divisions and sections. The question of what does it mean when membership declines emerged. As the Baby Boomers are retiring, younger cohorts are moving into leadership positions. Only a 28% response of the membership responded to the membership survey, and the survey report was not distributed.

The ALA 15 for 15 campaign was discussed. It is a 15 million dollar campaign for 2015 focused mainly on planned giving and the need for sustainability.

The ACRL National 2013 Conference chair reported that at this point there are 983 paid registrations and 266 booths. They are excited to get more people involved. The next ACRL conference in 2015 is in Portland, Oregon and is also the 75th anniversary of ACRL.

5.2 ACRL Communities of Practice (Terry Epperson/Pauline Manaka) [Sat]: No report.

5.3 ACRL Board (Lis Chabot) [Mon]: ACRL has had some great success in partnering for Grants with IMLS grants. There is a call on new workshops and assessment in action, a format to bring a team to work on assessment on student learning: demonstrating value and student learning. Research and scholarly environment is the third area within the ACRL Commitment for Excellence.

There is an initiative for branding of the organization. Some of this is for an internal consensus of who we are, but some is for external marketing. The “Brand Promise” is typically unspoken, but to identify who we are and why people might want to be partner with (what we can do for them, etc.) A couple people are working to bring the possible brands together this will develop in the future.

Mary Ellen conducted a membership survey, the results indicated that we are an aging population, although there are young members. Interest groups are growing; currently there are three over 500 members: Data curation, digital images and health sciences. The interest in these groups speaks to where jobs are, and where people are seeing the profession headed. Overall, membership is up across the board; however, budget and revenues are still difficult. There is a move for financial sustainability through a long term investment (LTI) fund and fundraising. There is also a push for Friend Raising. The ALA 15 for 15 campaign is for estate planning. The presentation at the Board for Stewardship Fundraising indicated that 100% of funds raised for ACRL will go to ACRL. Steven Bell has started writing personal Thank you notes for gifts to the Friends group.

The ACRL Conference is in April in Indianapolis. There was a very high level of proposals submitted resulting in about a 20% acceptance rate of programs/panels/etc. The program and vendor booth list are already available. There is a virtual track that can be valuable and draw in participants. ALA has moved to Adobe Connect – this can be used for meetings, etc. ACRL has purchased its own channel, but you must schedule in advance. Megan can provide the contact information. ACRL 2015 in Portland is already being planned. The three large committees related to the Commitment for Excellence are doing great work. Kevin Smith is the Chair of Research and Scholarly Environment committee; he is very in the moment and has a blog. His thought for what we should think about the issue: if we don’t think about access in the field, vendors will take the lead.

The Communities of Practice task force was asked to look at the current structure and funding structure. It made a set of recommendations, some of which were approved. These included rescinding the end of interest groups. Interest Groups continue although the number to start one has risen from 25 to 75. In order to become a section, an IG now has to have more than 300 for over 3 years. In regards to smaller sections, if a section has less than 400 members for more than 3 years they need to start looking at transition options with their board liaison. Currently, there are 3 smaller sections. The sections have asked for more process steps, this is outlined in the FAQ on the communities of practice site. Transition is a 4-year process. The board will make some further decisions in the executive in early May.

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

6.1 Information Literacy Comm. (Juliann Couture) [Sat]: The committee met virtually and includes many new members who are very enthusiastic. Discussion focused on the repository, moving it to a location that is accessible to members, and how to get our members involved in the ASA, AAA, and the ANSS repositories. There was also discussion on moving away from the peer-review process to make submissions easier and make the repository up-to-date and relevant.

Juliann will rotate off after Annual. Adam Beauchamp has volunteered to be a co-chair starting immediately, and another co-chair will be elected at Annual.

There will be an article for the Spring Currents in which Jeff will write.

- 6.2 **Bibliography Comm. (Sue McFadden – in absentia) [Mon]:** They met virtually, for more details see the meeting minutes on ANSSWeb.
- 6.3 **Conf. Prog. Planning 2013, Chicago (Katie Elson Anderson/Anne Larrivee) [Mon]:** The program will be on Sunday from 1-2:30 in the Convention Center. The speakers include: Andrew Abbot from University of Chicago, Andrew Asher from Indiana, and Diane Wall from Texas. The committee is starting to work on publicity and the website, the program will be highlighted in the May C&RL News. They are now discussing food and putting together handouts. The handout can also be used to promote membership. ULS is a co-sponsor in name only. The Twitter hashtag: #anss13 will be used and possibly an unconference or follow-up at Midwinter 2014 to continue the conversation. There will also be a slide show for the history project. The committee has been in touch with EBSCO regarding a sponsor for food or taking the speakers to lunch.
- 6.4 **Conf. Prog. Planning 2014, Las Vegas (Pauline) [Mon].:** The committee has not been officially appointed. Members did meet and a theme is developing. Theme possibilities focus on serving multiple communities in a changing world. The program needs to align for the excellence plan of ACRL to be accepted, and must appeal to a wider audience than just ANSS members.
- 6.5 **Membership Comm. (Helen Clements/Miriam Rigby) [Mon]:** There were only 3 members in attendance. There will be an article in the next issue of *Currents* to promote things the section has accomplished since the membership survey. They discussed the possibility of a virtual meeting prior to the volunteer deadline for “What is Anss?”. They continue to send emails to new and reinstated members and are tweaking the letters. The social was a success. There were 16 attendees, 5 who were new. New members are needed for the Membership Committee as everyone is rotating off.

ANSS membership is now at 426, which is down from last year. One idea is to ask people in various regions to get in contact with members in the area, e.g. regional ANSS get togethers. Another idea is to include a question such as “would you like to be contacted about the section?” on the program survey.

Lis Chabot recommended nominating people from the section to be in the ACRL Insider interviews. It highlights the section, too.

Terry asked Lis if it would be possible to get lists of the ANSS members who have registered for annual and/or midwinter. Adam Burling used to provide these lists.

There was a recommendation to promote our Annual program at ACRL with fliers.

- 6.6 **Nominating Comm. 2013 (in absentia, 2014 not yet formed).** The Nominating Committee, Jenny Bowers, Ellen Keith and Jennifer Nason Davis, would like to give sincere thanks to those who have volunteered to run for ANSS office in the spring election. The candidates names here and on the ballot appear in random order, (decided by a coin toss,) as per ACRL rules. The candidates for

Vice Chair, Chair-Elect are Erin Gratz and Helen Clements. The candidates for Secretary are Carolyn McCallum and Katie Elson Anderson. The candidates for Member-At-Large are Anne Marie Larrivee and Rui Wang.

The ANSS election will be conducted electronically, and is part of the ALA/ACRL election. The election will begin on March 19, 2013. Ballots must be received by April 26, 2013 to be counted.

- 6.7 **Publications Comm. (Erin Gratz) [Sat]** : The committee met virtually using Google Hangouts, it worked quite well; capability to hear and see each other as well as share documents. Publications is seeking a new co-editor or assistant editor for *Currents*. The logo project was a success, as ANSS now has a new logo. The committee is working to incorporate it into the top banner area of ANSSWeb. A new History Project is underway, and will be introduced in the Spring *Currents*. Janet Steins will be scanning volumes 1-12 of *Currents*, this will make all *Currents* issues available through ANSSWeb. There was a long discussion on how to make *Currents* more discoverable through search engines. The committee decided to create table of contents pages for all the issues. Publications and Membership committees are working together to update the ANSS brochure.
- 6.8 **Review & Planning Comm. (Terry Epperson) [Mon]:**
- 6.8.1 ANSS Manual is under review by the committee, will have a draft by May 1st to present to Exec by Annual. Any revisions send to Terry.
 - 6.8.2 Resources for Librarians and Info Specialists guide felt that they need to be archived on the website with notation that they are no longer kept up-to-date.
 - 6.8.3 Focus more energy on the Toolkit – more organic, useful document. Make effort to revitalize the ToolKit Taskforce. Jen will send out a call on ANSS-L. Feel that there should be at least one convener from each discussion group on this.
 - 6.8.4 Erin and Helen are looking into an update of the brochure. Erin has reached out to Megan Griffin regarding the brochure.
 - 6.8.5 The need for the physical banner to display at ANSS Social, 101 , etc. Erin will get some costs and work with Jen.
- 6.9 **Subject & Bibliographic Access Comm. (Wade Kotter/Carolyn McCallum) [Mon]** : Wade reported the 4 members of the committee and 5 visitors met Saturday. Wayne Sanders is interested in rejoining the committee. They set up the schedule for Cataloging Q&As. The subjects are related to implementing FRBR and RDA. The committee decided to start adding by-lines on the Q&As. New Q&As will be posted on Facebook and Twitter. Isabel will also be creating a item level record to be included for addition to catalogs. Lars Klint, who has been compiling the Subject Heading lists, has started a new job due to this the committee may need to find someone else for this responsibility.
- 6.10 **Anthropology Librarians Disc. Group (Chris Smith/Miriam Rigby) [Sat]**: The theme for the discussion group is Digital Archeology/Anthropology
- 6.11 **Criminal Justice/Criminology Librarians Disc. Group (Sally Willson Weimer) [Mon]**: Two speakers, Erica Coe and Lorena O'English, worked together to have a coordinated discussion. They were very active and spoke on issues related to collection development on the undergraduate and graduate levels. There were 14 attendees, and a volunteer took notes. Lorena recommended that *Journal of Criminal Education* was the best place to learn about trends in the fields.

6.12 **Sociology Librarians Disc. Group (Rui Wang) [Mon]:** Jeff Lacy reported there were two speakers, Julie Petr and Adam Beauchamp. They both spoke to programmatic approaches to instruction. There were 22 attendees present.

6.13 **Liaison Committee (Sally Willson Weimer/Marilia Antunez) [Mon]:** The meeting was a hybrid meeting/conference call with 4 present and one via phone. It was a good learning experience. We have two new liaisons: Mandy Swagart-Hobaugh is ASA and Juliann Coulture is AAA. The announcement and acknowledgement of the liaisons was not a very thorough experience. The committee wants to create a sequence for that to happen in a more timely manner. Liaisons are introducing themselves to their respective associations. Juliann attended to AAA in November and is involved in the ACRL Liaisons assembly. Mandy has connections with the ASA teaching and learning section and will attend the conference this will be in August in NYC.

They will be recommending the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences for the next liaison.

7. ANSS Business [Sat & Mon]

7.1 ANSS Budget (Jen Darragh) [Sat]: The Basic Services budget is \$1183.75. There is \$1700 allocated for the Program.

7.2 Cyber Task Force Draft Virtual Participation Policy Review [Sat or Mon]: This committee also includes Katie and Erin. There is a draft policy that will be posted on the Exec Space on ALA Connect. Discussion on ACRL virtual designation versus just a committee member. We want to get members involved, we don't restrict to people who can't afford or for personal reasons can not attend Annual and Midwinter. The goal is more participation. A best practices document will be coming. The committee requests everyone to review and comment on the draft policy. We will conduct a virtual vote for approval so it is in place by Annual.

7.3 Other ANSS business – none.

7.4 Taskforce for the Tool Kits - Chris [Sat]: Four people volunteered to participate in the taskforce, and were sent the information regarding the anthropology and sociology tool kits. Only one responded. Jen will re-announce this on ANSS-L. The goal is to eventually move from Connect to ANSSWeb.

8. Other Business

8.1 Visits from ACRL Candidates for VP/President-Elect (Karen Williams and Maggie Farrell) [Sat]
It's important to vote! Voter turnout for ALA is not much better than national politics. Important issues...not how you vote, but that you vote. There is a proposal to ALA Council to raise dues that will be related to CPI. This is similar to what ACRL passed a few years ago that is linked to the Higher Ed price index. This will be a by-laws change.

In C&RL News in the forthcoming issue will be on both of them, as well as on the website and a webcast in March. Please feel free to contact them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Gratz
Secretary, ANSS