ALA/ACRL Anthropology and Sociology Section (ANSS)
Meeting Notes
ALA Annual Meeting
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2014, 3-4 pm
Name of person submitting minutes: Marilia Antunez (Co-chair)
Members present: Katie Anderson, Marilia Antunez, Jenny Bowers, Richard Freeman, and Juliann Couture (Ex-Officio Member, July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2015)
Guests: NA
Time and place convened: 3:00pm to 4:00pm Pacific Time, Bally’s- Palace 5
Convener: Katie Anderson

MINUTES/NOTES:

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Received approval of Meeting Minutes from 2014 ALA Midwinter

III. ASA Liaison
   a. Amanda (Mandy) Jo Swygart-Hobaugh resigned as ACRL-ASA Liaison. The Committee determined that it was appropriate to wait until September/October to put out a call for applicants for the vacancy, pending discussion of concerns about funding sources.
   b. ASA vacancy means that there will be a missing ACRL-ASA representative at the next ASA Annual Meeting.
   c. Decision on new candidate can be made during ALA Midwinter 2015. Committee needs to decide exact deadlines for applications, timeline, and other business.

IV. AAA Liaison
   a. Julian’s term was extended for the ACRL three year term, thus no action required at the moment for AAA Liaison.

V. ACRL Liaison Program- Request for funding from ANSS and Impact on current liaisons.
   a. Committee determined to fill ASA vacancy and continue AAA liaison program.
   b. Katie passed out the ACRL ANSS Liaison Recruitment Request (handout) that has previously been used. Katie will update recruitment handout (Google Drive) for the upcoming ASA recruitment. Richard suggested adding a mission statement and job description, including expectations, to the document. Liaison Committee documents will require a password on the ANSS website.
   c. Juliann reported ACRL wanting to have more liaisons but funding is uncertain, exact funding amounts needed from the sections is not known. More clarification is needed. Funding from professional organizations’ is highly encouraged. Currently, there are about 12 liaison representatives.
   d. Katie suggested requesting commitment from Executive for $150.00 per liaison; up to 3 liaisons.
e. Discussion on future liaisons: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). The potential for objectivity for other/newer liaison organizations was discussed. ACJS liaison organization has been under consideration for a few years and has been brought to Executive. Final approval and timeline is needed to move forward. Juliann reminded the group that adding a liaison to ACRL will require ACRL approval.

f. Juliann reported that some liaisons receive funding to offset costs while others don’t receive funding.

VI. Checklist of expectations – completion and posting

a. Checklist is posted as a Google document (via Google Drive). Members may edit documents to assist liaison with expectations/requirements. Jenny suggested adding “Write reports for ANSS Currents” to the checklist

b. Suggestion to add to the checklist: “Participate in outreach and communication activities (e.g., online seminar)”

c. Committee agreed on the goal of having all working documents completed/posted by ALA Midwinter 2015.

d. Liaisons are ex-officio members of the Liaison Committee Meeting.

VII. Procedures for introductions- approval and posting

a. ACRL will write the letter. Ask for introduction letter to give to ACRL (i.e., Megan Davis).

VIII. Liaison section in ANSS Web

a. Katie has editing privileges (Wordpress.org). Erin and Katie are editors and members were encouraged to contribute ideas for pages.

b. Katie suggested postings about liaisons’ attendance in organization meetings (i.e., going to AAA, etc.).

c. Richard recommended maintaining a blog to orient new liaisons to previous and related liaison activities.

d. Julianne recommended using the ANSS Web pages to promote the organization. Liaison activities vary among other liaison programs in ALA (e.g., PAM section in SLA).

e. Recommendation to use mailing lists in dissemination of ANSS Liaison information. Include a link where people can go on the blog, and have choice to post comments. This promotes the use of the ANSS website.

f. Katie will report to Executive on the request for the funding amount, ACJS liaison, and liaison blog on ANSS Web.

IX. Comments/Suggestions/Information Sharing

a. Jenny Bowers volunteered to co-chair the Liaison Committee for the new year.

Time adjourned: 4 pm.