

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY SECTION
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
Agenda for ALA Annual Meeting 2014
Saturday June 28, 1:00-2:30PM
Bally's, Palace 4

I. Welcome and Introductions

a. Appoint volunteer to take minutes/attendance

1. Beth Sheehan volunteered to take minutes.

b. Introductions/Attendees

1. Attended by: Erin Pappas (Currents co-editor), Beth Sheehan (co-chair, web co-editor), Hailey Mooney (co-chair, Currents co-editor), Louisa McMurray (incoming member 2014-2016) in attendance
2. Absent members: Erin Gratz, Spencer Acadia, Michelle Guittar, Cathy Moore-Jansen, Helen Clements, Leslie Brown

c. Revisions/Additions to Agenda

1. Discuss leadership of Publications Committee in 2014-2015.
2. Discuss editing guidelines for Currents submissions
3. Discuss change in editorship/leadership of Currents

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Midwinter 2014 virtual committee meeting minutes were approved.

III. Continuing Business

a. Website- Beth Sheehan and Erin Gratz

1. Guide to Editing ANSSWeb: final draft

- Erin Gratz provided copies of the draft version of Guide to Editing ANSSWeb, which Beth Sheehan distributed to committee members for review during the meeting. Hailey Mooney suggested a correction to the "After Currents is Published" section, since ANSS Web Editor (and not Currents editor) posts the newest issue to ANSS Web.

- Additional details about posting procedure (uploading the pdf file and creating the linked table of contents) will also be added to this section. Beth Sheehan will make these edits, and post the document to ANSSWeb. It can be amended or updated as needed in the future.

2. Status of resources bibliographies and toolkits

- The status of the subject resource bibliographies and toolkits is unclear. Miriam Rigby has been working on sociology; committee was unsure when/if anything should be posted to the website. Hailey Mooney will

mention at ANSS Exec meeting on Monday, June 30.

3. Web Statistics Report

- Beth provided ANSS web stats for January- June 26, 2014.

Visits: January 2014- current: 6,873

Averaged 39 visits per day

ANSS Currents Spring 2014: 248 visits

Facebook: 216 Likes (+26 since January 2014)

Twitter: 140 followers (+14 since January 2014)

- Members asked whether Google Analytics could provide more granular statistics than Wordpress options. Previously this had been investigated by Erin Gratz, who said that Google Analytics cannot be used with the free version of Wordpress that we currently use, but some on the committee thought that new options via Google Analytics may now make this possible. Beth will investigate.

b. ANSS Currents- Hailey Mooney and Erin Pappas

1. Review of content for Fall issue

- Fall production deadline is tentatively Monday, Oct 13 2014. Articles are due 1 month prior.

- Fall content lineup:

-Message from the Chair- Erin Gratz

-Preliminary Midwinter meeting schedule

-Committee reports

-2014 Annual Meeting recap- Program and summary

-Social pictures

-Member news- approx. 1 page

-Member profile- Janet Steins (digitized backfiles) could be a possibility, must check past issues to see if she has been profiled in the past. Editors will send solicitation to Publications and Membership Committees for volunteers to write and ideas for a member to profile.

-Articles- ?

-Resource Reviews- Oxford Bibliographies online- Deborah Margolis and Nancy Skipper- Fall

Helen Clements- short review for Fall: American Indian Histories and Cultures

- Articles about different types of research tools- ie. Mapping tools could be a possibility. There has not been a volunteer for the "Tech Corner" columnist.

Erin Pappas is interested in a short tech review in Spring for the articles section

-History Corner- Beth Sheehan

-Candidate Statements for elections

2. ANSS Currents Discoverability Taskforce Report

- The committee members on this task force (Michelle Guittar and ?) were not present at this meeting to give an update. Committee chairs/Currents Editors will contact them for an update.

3. Pre-1997 issues scanning project

- This is complete, all issues are now available online. Beth will check to ensure that the Table of Contents are indexed.

4. Discussion: Editing Guidelines for Currents submissions

- Erin Pappas and committee discussed the need for clarification of what level of editing of Currents submissions is appropriate. How much should editors change to edit for clarity, grammar if necessary?

- Although Currents is not peer-reviewed, we have high standards. Committee recommends that editors codify informal editing decisions and level of intervention for each content type, and update the Guide for Editing ANSS Currents with editorial statement regarding expectations for quality and editing practices.

5. Leadership of Currents

- Co-Editor Hailey Mooney will be taking a leave from work in February, and will need another committee member to take her editing responsibilities for the Spring 2015 issue. Erin Pappas will take additional layout responsibilities. Louisa McMurray volunteered to help as well, she has previous editing experience.

- Spring production deadline- end of April. Submissions will be due at the end of March.

IV. New Business

a. “Resources for Librarians” and “Guides to Subject Literature” on ANSS website- Beth Sheehan and Erin Gratz

- The “Resources for Librarians” webpages have temporarily been made inactive due to lack of update (Gratz).

- The “Guides to Subject Literature” pages with links to various library libguides/webpages of ANSS subjects need to be reviewed and updated periodically. We need new volunteers from Publications Committee or other ANSS members.

b. Archiving ANSS digital content- Beth Sheehan

- Beth said that the ALA archivist on the UIUC campus sent her information regarding new electronic archiving procedures for the ALA archives. She will investigate to determine the best procedures for archiving born-digital ANSS

content (such as Currents and ANSS webpages). ANSS section archives are mostly non-existent in the ALA archives post-2007.

c. Discussion: Leadership of Publications Committee in 2014-2015

- Co-Chair Hailey Mooney is rolling off of the leadership role as of July 1, 2014. Beth Sheehan continues to hold co-chair position through June 30, 2015. Hailey, Beth, and Erin P. all have committee terms which end in June 2015. For several years the co-chairs have also been the Currents editor and Web editor, but ACRL limits to committee chair leadership terms and committee membership will result in frequent transitions for Currents/Web editing responsibilities (potentially at times when there are no other committee members willing/able to assume those roles).

- Discussion with Erin Gratz (Chair 2014-2015) suggests that one possibility would be to make publication editorship independent of Publications Committee Chair appointment, and to make editors ex-officio members of the Publications Committee (which would require a change to ANSS bylaws, this will be discussed in the Review and Planning Committee). Members of the committee discussed the implications of this for ANSS Executive Committee representation, if the Chair were someone other than editors. It is valuable for editors to attend Executive committee meetings to stay abreast of section news and contribute to discussions. Editors could attend, since it is an open meeting, but would not be voting members or official ex-officio.

V. Further Announcements and Adjournment

- a. Louisa McMurray suggested an article about tools for teaching yourself GIS online. ESRA- ArcGIS- tutorials (first one free, others paid).
- b. Absent members/new incoming members of the committee will be contacted to ask for ongoing project updates, and to solicit volunteers to contribute to new and ongoing committee activities.