

## **ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY SECTION**

### **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes for ALA Midwinter Meeting 2014

Tuesday, January 14th 2:00 PM, EST

Virtual Meeting

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

1.1 *Introductions/Attendees*: Beth Sheehan, Spencer Acadia, Hailey Mooney, Helen Clements, Erin Gratz, Erin Pappas

1.2 *Revisions/Additions to Agenda* - none.

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - minutes accepted** (with minor typographical changes)

#### ***Continuing Business***

#### **3. Website**

3.1 *Guide to editing ANSSWeb*: The committee went over the Guide to Editing ANSSWeb, which is still in draft format. A final guide will need to be completed and reviewed before Annual.

3.2 *Statistics*. Members reporting back on the feasibility of adding Google Analytics to Word press. Because our subscription is free rather than paid, analytics are not included. However, it was decided that the website does not necessarily need content at the fine granular level, especially as ACRL runs statistics twice a year.

#### **4. ANSS Currents**

##### ***4.1 Deadlines***

4.1.1. Though not confirmed as of this meeting, the final publication date for ACRL

should occur toward the end of April. This means that the submission deadline will be March 31st, and the deadline for revisions will be April 28th.

4.1.2 Submission Date: Members discussed the possibility of having an earlier submission date in order to peer review articles with more involved content.

##### ***4.2 Review of content for Spring issue***

###### ***4.2.1 Committee Reports***

4.2.2 Member Profile: Beth Sheehan will profile Helen Clements.

4.2.3 Tech Corner: The committee is seeking a volunteer to revive this on an ongoing basis. Erin Gratz will write the column for the Spring issue. Have had interest in the position from a non-member. If he has not joined the section, then a general call for volunteers will be issued.

4.2.4 Professional News Column: Will place a call to members for contributions.

4.2.5 Information Literacy: Checking in as standards develop.

4.2.6 Resource Review and Bibliography: Spencer Acadia has planned an article on *SpringerLink*. Karen Evans has planned a piece on Criminal Justice. Deborah Marguilez and Nancy Skipper will write a piece on *Oxford Bibliographies*.

#### 4.3 Discoverability

4.3.1 In October of 2013, a form was submitted to EBSCO so that *Currents* can be indexed in their databases.

4.3.2 Now that Tables of Contents are in HTML format, *Currents* may also appear in Google Scholar. A full report will be made in time for Annual.

#### 4.4 Historical Projects

4.4.1 Pre-1997 issues of *Currents* were being scanned and sent to Erin Gratz, but only a few were completed in their entirety.

4.4.2 ALA Archives holds pre-1997 issues, though 11 volumes (of 4-5 pages each) are missing from the archive. A general call will be out to members to get these scanned and indexed prior to Annual.

4.4.3 Archives also has another ANSS publication, called "The Other Fieldwork," though it was only produced for a few issues. This is something that could be scanned only seemed to have a couple of issues. Maybe could be scanned and put on website as well? Potentially an article for *Currents* or *CRL News*, profiling the history of the section. Might be something Beth works on over the summer. May be something we can mine for content.

#### 4.5 ANSS History Project

4.5.1 As of the meeting, there had not been much interest from members in this project; for the time being, it is being set aside.

4.5.2 Material from the ALA archives may be used to profile the history of the section for *Currents* or *CRL News*, which will involve less active participation from members.

4.5.3 Older issues will require minimal input from us, such as photos and a caption to create a "History Corner." Erin Gratz will speak to long-term members and see if they have anything to add in the way of photos or narratives. This is a concrete way for members to contribute.

#### 4.6 Archiving

they 4.6.1 Members discussed the electronic archive that is used by ALA. Currently, do not have the infrastructure to back up copies of our publication. This means that we need to keep our own copies of materials, as well as documenting where these back issues can be found.

archival 4.6.2 Hailey suggested that we also print out hard copies of publications for purposes. Every issue is submitted to Megan Griffin prior to publication; we will contact her and see if printed back issues can be added to the existing collection of print newsletters.

4.6.3 Members discussed options for photo archiving, such as Flickr or another

service. For the time being, Facebook is being used for a fair amount of section activity, so photos will remain there for now.

**5. New Business - None**

**6. Further Announcements and Adjournment.**

Erin Pappas