



Association of College and Research Libraries
Research and the Scholarly Environment Committee

ALA Midwinter Conference Meeting

Sunday, February 1, 2015

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Sheraton Chicago, Chicago Ballroom 06

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In Attendance

Members:

Claire Stewart (Chair), Shan Sutton (Vice-Chair), Kara Malenfant (staff liaison), Irene Herold (Board Liaison), Martin Brennan, Zach Coble, Devin Savage, Adrian Ho, John Budd, Scott Mandernack, Sandy DeGroot, Merinda Hensley, Charlotte Roh, Stephanie Davis-Kahl

Guests:

Yasmeen Shorish, Nathan Hall, Meg Meiman, Kyle Courtney, Sue Baughman, Nicole Allen

1. Housekeeping

Minutes taker is Nathan Hall

Minutes from the fall conference call were approved

2. Update from Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy Task Force (Merinda Hensley/Stephanie Davis-Kahl)

ACRL published a white paper on the intersections of scholarly communication and information literacy to bring together these 2 domains. Later a task force convened to continue that work. Follow-ups have been in the form of webinars and publications in such venues as C&RL News. The group is now trying to think about what should come next, and trying to envision how this group will continue to operate. Webinars were a way to start the conversation; an example of a topic was integrating scholarly communication into the job descriptions for liaisons.

One suggestion has been to host a one-time summit of leaders in these domain areas to have a conversation about how to connect these 2 areas of expertise (information literacy and scholarly communication). Another suggestion has been to develop an Interest Group to help continue this work. ReSEC's liaisons from the task force would like to see a liaison from student learning and student literacy communities be able to contribute.

Structurally, moving forward group is looking for a statement of support and volunteers to continue this work.

3. Scholarly Communications Toolkit update (Sutton)

Historically the committee has an annual push to make sure toolkit is up to date in advance of Open Access Week. The Toolkit subgroup is currently working on how to make this work sustainable. Thoughts include:

- Making sure the team is the right size: a 5-member team seems to be about right.
- Important to have leadership roles for the purposes of accountability.
- Practice of updating content during the summer should continue, though people should also be empowered to update content within their area of expertise anytime.
- Toolkit site moved from Drupal to Wordpress which made it much easier to update.
- Looking for volunteers for a new team to start along with new changes in membership

Other outreach and developments have occurred through LIS student projects. One idea is for a rotating editorship with a stipend, or to commission written pieces; there is financial support from ACRL for this up to a certain amount.

4. Updates from the domain part 1

a. Copyright update: developments in legislation, litigation

Martin Brennan:

- a. Hathi Trust Settlement. The case has been resolved within the court. As long as Hathi Trust stays within 108, Authors Guild will leave them alone. The Orphan Works issue still needs to be fully addressed. This movement may have impacts for institutions to imagine other uses for digital objects and dissemination.
- b. Georgia State University. Less than 4% of the cases evaluated were found to be infringements (5 out of 75 or so). One judge said another judge's analysis of Fair Use was incorrect so there has been some back and forth in the court systems. Kevin Smith's analysis of the situation is recommended reading.
- c. Legislative developments. There is likely to be an increase in legislative activity around copyright in this Congress -- it might just be in the form of continued Congressional hearings. Joint messages might be needed from ALA committees in conjunction with Library Copyright Alliance. Need briefs that show negative impacts of laws.
- d. With Sony breach, there is a push to have a new version of Stop Online Piracy Act.
- e. 24 institutions have signed on to conduct a Fair Use Week in late February.

Collecting Fair Use stories, lectures, think pieces, and other content to share with community. Website is www.fairuseweek.org

- f. Push for solving problem of Fair Use by making Orphan Works discoverable, and then taking them down if requested, because at least authorship will be established. A group in the UK has piloted this for 1 or 2 years without litigation, which has been the primary impediment for moving forward in this area.
- g. ACRL Copyright Discussion Group met at ALA MW 2015. Discussion about e-reserves, authors' alliance.

5. Update on ACRL and Data (Shorish)

a. ACRL 2015 Data Pre-conference

This was an outcome from recommendations from this committee to ACRL Board. Board asked for a pre-conference at ACRL. Yasmeen Shorish, as convener of DCIG organized the preconference along with some other colleagues. Session should involve active learning around scholarly communication and data management. Content will be divided into modules with attempt at alignment with ACRL information literacy outcomes model. Preconference will hopefully make these issues more “digestible” and “transferable” and more comfortable for administrators at college and university libraries at institutions other than just large research universities. Registration is currently at 25 participants. Cap is at 70 participants.

b. DCIG survey

20% response rate. Responses exposed issues for development at pre conference

6. Work plan item: open access in the library profession (Sutton)

Our committee would like to develop an open access statement for ACRL that advocates for ACRL members to publish in OA venues where possible, and when not possible, members should deposit a version into an OA repository.

ELIS is an international LIS repository. Hosted and sponsored in Europe. Not much deposit by North American authors. Some discussion of making ACRL a supporter or sponsor of ELIS. Recognition that not everyone has an IR. Board is interested in learning more, Shan will coordinate with the working group to draft some recommendations.

7. Updates from the domain part 2

a. Association of Research Libraries (ARL) – Sue Baughman, Deputy Executive Director, ARL

Continuing to maintain and track projects around scholarly communication; some areas of attention include:

Bringing together university presses, particularly those managed by University Libraries, and trying to identify common challenges, areas for collaboration.

SHARE project funded by Sloan/IMLS. Updates can be found through monthly newsletter at website. Currently working with Center for Open Science on notification system. This is the 1st major project of the SHARE workgroup.

Development of System of Action Framework, including following components

- Collective Collections (ways of sharing collections between libraries)
- Scholarly Dissemination Engine
- ARL Academy (programs to develop the professional workforce)

b. SPARC - Nicole Allen, Director of Open Education, SPARC

SPARC held 2 events at Midwinter: Pre-conference institute on OER, and the SPARC/ACRL Forum. Working on building bipartisan support for OA in Congress and during presidential election cycle, and trying to develop something like OA working group, but for Open Education.

The Open Data initiative is focused on federal agency policy landscape.

OpenCon event on open access issues with workshops and other sessions, including meetings with policy makers in different national and international arenas. Currently developing another OpenCon.

Trying to reintroduce FASTR legislation, and inserting language into appropriations bills.

Trying to educate potential political candidates about OA issues in order to inform their campaigns.

8. Scholarly Communications Roadshow

Diverse selection of new sites for the Spring. One site selected for the Fall. ReSEC will work on selecting the new presenters; Scott Mandernack is chairing a working group of ReSEC that will be

9. Ideas for the ACRL Legislative Agenda

Government Relations Committee needs feedback from Research and Scholarly Environments in order to develop an agenda of crucial legislative items for ACRL. Important to have clear agenda in terms of what would be good and bad developments.

Access to federally funded research (FASTR), Net neutrality, curbing government surveillance.

Watch list from last year includes fair use, “making available” right, preservation and reproduction exceptions, orphan works, and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Language for new legislative agenda is due on February 6.

10. Discussion about Scholarly Communication column in C&RL News: Editor rotation, column solicitation/selection (Ho, Coble)

Call for proposals for writing guest columns. Ongoing problem with author not meeting deadlines, or sending 1st draft for final deadline, and issues with quality of some submissions.

Different ideas were discussed on how to manage these problems better, such as working with a few pre-assigned writers, or invitations for fully written articles rather than just proposals, selecting authors from relevant conference presentations, selecting authors from relevant blogs, finding authors from non-librarianship perspectives, such as university publishers.

11. Report on Midwinter ACRL/SPARC Forum and preview of Discussion Group

(Savage, Stewart, Sutton)

Forum had good discussion on OER and open scholarship and strategies for promoting OER and creating infrastructure for more development on campuses.

Demonstrating impact is helpful—tying OER to student retention is an effective strategy. Looking at survey data about numbers of students who are not buying textbooks due to cash issues and how that affects student success.

12. Open sharing of news and ideas

1. Midwinter Scholarly Communications Discussion Group will be at 3:00pm
2. Zach Coble asked about potential for collaboration with other groups like DCIG, digital humanities, or outreach into other venues so that issues that are relevant to ReSEC can become more prevalent and impactful in other communities. Challenge is to find right kind of expertise in libraries and right structure for collaborations. There is a lot of topical overlap with other groups, but lack of forum for shared discussion.
3. Claire Stewart opened Discussion of Open Access Network. White paper proposed a new model for funding OA in social science. Request for funding where universities can contribute to academic societies to support OA publishing. Discussion of perceived benefits and weaknesses followed.