

Liaisons Coordinating Committee

ALA Annual, Orlando, June 26, 2016
Orange County Convention Center 209C

Present: Mary Ellen Davis, Carrie Donovan, Cynthia Henry, Lynne King, Felice Maciejewski, Kathy Magarrell, Marilyn Myers, Danuta Nitecki, Marilyn Ochoa, Allison Payne, Lori Phillips

1. Meeting was called to order by Marilyn Myers, Chair. All present introduced themselves.
2. Report on Liaisons Assembly meeting held June 25 – there were 4 liaison reports, all accounts positive, liaisons doing well. Some of the topics brought forward included space planning, and Digital Humanities; It might be helpful to brainstorm some ways to boost liaison attendance.
3. Review of feedback and changes resulting from a presentation to the ACRL Board, January 2016
 - The Board gave us positive reviews on the five-year report on the ACRL liaisons program.
 - The Board would like to get similar reports every 2 years; next one Jan. 2018; we need to decide the form of the reports.
 - We are asked to keep track of what is the return on investment on their annual funding allocation.
 - The listing of the committees on the ACRL website has been restructured.
 - The Liaisons Assembly charge was modified.
 - The annual allocation is increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 beginning fall 2016.
 - The Board would like to know more about our strategy for growing liaison programs. How to do it? This is related to the Board's establishment of the New Roles & Changing Landscapes Committee to support that goal in the ACRL strategic plan.
 - The Board decided not to have liaisons to accrediting agencies at this time.
4. Documentation of Liaison appointment and support processes – there was discussion about how we might solidify committee processes among the 3 committees; perhaps a more structured/effective mechanism for communication among the committees; it was suggested that we have more phone calls and online communication throughout the year; discussed the idea of having a sounding board for liaisons for support when issues come up.
5. Proposed new liaison assignments – Association for Institutional Research; discussion on whether or not to pursue a relationship; there seems to be a role for librarians, including existing library data; those in attendance agreed that committee members will get more information on the Association and make a formal decision at a later date.

Items for follow-up:

- Review our charges and ask ACRL Board to update as needed; schedule a meeting with the Board every 2 years or so.
- Review each committee's work plans so that we are somewhat "on the same page;"
- Publicize the liaisons program more systematically - need a communication plan; have an item in the work plan to raise awareness of the program; promote through ACRL Insider; review template for recruiting; connect with the Assembly – committee members sit in when possible.

Kathy Magarrell, Incoming Chair, recorder