ACRL Professional Values Committee
(PVC) Draft Meeting Minutes
ALA Annual 2016
Sunday, June 26, 2016, 8:30 to 10:00am

Attendees: Regina Beach-Bertin, Teresa Doherty, Jenifer Flaxbart (chair), Adriene Lim, Emily Knox (vice-chair), Louise Sherby and Beth Schuck

Our meeting was called to order at 8:35am by chair Jenifer Flaxbart, members in attendance introduced themselves.

The ALA Annual 2016 meeting agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

The ALA Midwinter 2016 meeting minutes were also approved as presented, including one correction offered during an earlier review period, with unanimous consent.

PVC members present discussed communication preferences. We have three new incoming members (Elizabeth King, Tomoko Bialock, and LeRoy Jason LaFleur, the latter being our new ACRL Board Liaison). Jenifer will pass the existing email list along to the incoming chair. ACRL now offers the option to create an email list for committees (which they didn’t used to offer) as well as encouraging the use of ALA Connect for official documents. We all seem to prefer a list and have issues with using Connect (including the fact that there are two separate folders in the ACRL Professional Values committee folder, one of which is not current). Jenifer will relay PVC’s request for a list to David Free and Doug Lehman, our ACRL Staff and Board Liaisons, respectively.

We then discussed the proposed panel program session for ACRL 2017. There were more than 800 proposals for sessions, which is an amazing number (think of how many great ideas won't make the cut); notifications will be sent in August. The proposal we submitted is entitled “You Say You Want a Revolution?: The Ethical Imperative of Open Access”. We plan to include a vendor, such as Elsevier or Springer, as well as a representative for academics, and someone from ACRL on the program panel. ACRL’s Research and Scholarly Environment Committee has agreed to co-sponsor this session. Jim Neal (ACRL 2017 Conference Chair) or Amy Buckland, Research and Scholarly Environment Committee (ReSEC) Chair, would be ideal as a proponent of open access on behalf of our academic community. The Public Knowledge Project’s founder, John Willinsky, was also recommended as a speaker. Emily Knox will serve as moderator.

PVC would like to submit one or more program proposals for ALA Annual 2017 (Chicago, June 22-27), and proposals are due September 1. Discussion ensued, and the plan that emerged included agreement about submitting session proposed for ACRL 2017 in the event that is it not accepted for that conference, perhaps with some retooling (although turnaround time between notification from ACRL and the September 1 ALA Annual deadline will be tight). A second ALA Annual 2017 proposal on the library as a secure space (guns on campus, security cameras, etc.) and our core values was discussed. Emily will hone the concept (library as a safe ecosystem, privacy, social justice) and seek partners such as LLAMA, RUSA, etc. (access, LLAMA, staff, facilities) to co-sponsor a program for ALA Annual 2017 in Chicago.

Jenifer will draft the PVC year-end report and the 2016-17 work plan. Emily and others can review these prior to submission. July 15 is date for submitting our committee year-end report (Jenifer and Emily will work together).

In terms of other planning, an ACRL Presents Webcast in the spring on data ethics or security and guns in libraries would be of interest to the academic and broader library communities. Focus on security issues could generate anticipation for the ALA Annual 2017 program if the proposal is accepted. Data ethics topic ideas included: Sci-Hub, data management/repositories, information literacy framework, consolidation of vendors (ProQuest buying Alexander Street Press), social media ethics, data use and re-use concerns. Security and guns in libraries topic ideas included: libraries on campus are often a target,
maybe more so than public libraries, so this is an issue for us, active shooter practices in libraries on
campus by campus police and security policies and concerns.
With no additional old or new business, and given the press of time and other commitments, the meeting
was adjourned, motion by Teresa and second by Adriene Lim, at 10:02am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa Doherty.