PARS Exec Meeting

ALA Annual, Chicago, IL

Monday, July 1

Time allotted: 8:00am-11:00am

Summary:

Committee business included:

the new ALCTS Strategic Plan and scheduling implications, digital capture guidelines, publications, kudos and plans for continuing the success of Preservation Week, and preservation statistics. Collaboration and outreach are recurring themes.

Committee Members Present:

Jacob Nadal (PARS Exec Chair)
Becky Ryder (PARS Exec Vice Chair/Chair-Elect)
Ann Marie Willer (PARS Exec Past Chair)
Stephanie Lamson (PARS Exec Member at Large)
Holly Robertson (PARS Exec Member at Large)
Hillary Seo (PARS Exec Member at Large)
David Lowe (PARS Exec Secretary)

Presenting to the Committee:

Carolynne Myall (ALCTS President)
Genevieve Owens (ALCTS President Elect)
Sarah Potvin (PARS Intellectual Access IG)
Martha Horan (PARS Rep to ALCTS Planning Cmte)
Jessica Phillips (ALCTS Programming)
Called to order at 8:55am

1. Report from ALCTS Board from Carolynne Myall, then Genevieve Owens
   a. Carolynne congratulated the PARS awardees from the ceremony the day before
   b. She shared updates on the Reshaping ALCTS survey
      i. Advocacy: Board will address, clarifying terms, but responding via 2 groups:
         1. ALCTS Advocacy Coordinating Group
            a. Focus is what to bring to public policy decisions—what points to try to bring influence to bear
            b. Chair is Olivia Madison
            c. Coverage across ALCTS
            d. Charge revised and may be renamed
            e. Hot topic: best practices regarding openness with federal funding, possibly including copyright discussions
         2. Tech Services Advocacy Task Force
            a. Proud example of good work is Preservation Week
            b. (No Metadata Week yet planned…)
            c. Need elevator speeches about what TS staff do
            d. Website coming this summer
      ii. Standards:
          1. A task force has compiled a list of broad standards
          2. They seek to be active in supporting standards efforts
   c. Budget & Finance Committee
      i. Features some new processes
      ii. New dues category for retired members
      iii. Non-renewers will receive email follow-ups
      iv. New appointment cycle affects travel requirements
      v. ALCTS has multiple revenue streams
      vi. ALA having some trouble, but ALCTS OK
      vii. Still, ALA problems will trickle down
      viii. With webinars, will charge at first, then make available later
      ix. Need to reverse leak in membership
      x. Will be looking for money from vendors, foundations, estate planning
      xi. PresWeek is a donation leader
   d. Continuing Education
      i. Publishing Review Task Force
         1. In process of implementing
2. Open Access green vs. gold has financial implications
3. Want to look at programming in the broad sense to see how best to serve our members
   e. Also working with other divisions
      i. Metadata standards committee with LITA
      ii. New community college librarians effort
   f. Carolynne thanked all for a good year
   g. Genevieve reported on appointments
      i. Bumper crop of volunteers
      ii. Had 25 pages of names, with a range of experience and skills
      iii. Met goals
      iv. Still, oversight required, so let her know of any problems
      v. Lots to do, with PresWeek, task forces, etc.
2. Report from Sarah Potvin on the Intellectual Access IG
   a. Had 76 attendees (but only one hour)
   b. Theme of preservation metadata and repositories
   c. Case studies from UConn and Purdue
   d. Will do report and maybe a short article to ANO
   e. Shawn rotating off; incoming is Chelcie Rowell, soon to be at Wake Forest
3. Report from Martha Horan on ALCTS Planning
   a. Strategic plan review; will review overall goals after Labor Day
   b. Need to communicate mission; will have draft before Midwinter
   c. Draft will look at measurable ways to implement the strategic plan
   d. Decided against focus groups
   e. Martha encouraged us to respond to the survey
4. Report from Martha on the Digital Conversion IG
   a. Had 70 attendees (1.5 hour session)
   b. 4 speakers: Betsy Kruger of UIUC (3D objects; music); 2 from Northwestern (digital capture workflow software; FADGI guidelines); David Mindel from UW-Lacrosse
   c. Martha was set to rotate off, but Mark M. can’t continue, so Martha will likely stay. David Mindel will probably be co-chair, pending schedule confirmation
   d. From above reports, note that we need a scheduling/location/timing discussion with ALCTS because some conflicts are a problem
5. Review of the minutes from Midwinter:
   a. Becky requested an update on the virtual meetings status
   b. Jake responded that the specs and software discussion is in Charles Wilt’s hands
c. Holly asked if we would commit to streaming the forums, and Hillary wondered if we might even do our own.
d. Jake reassured us that Charles is interested in moving forward now and getting the policies and regulations refined later. An ALCTS YouTube channel might be a possibility
e. Minutes were moved, seconded, & approved.

6. Election results:
   a. Kara McClurken, Chair
   b. Ian Bogus, Member at Large (Holly is rotating off next, then Stephanie)
   c. David Lowe, Secretary

7. ALCTS business:
   a. Minimum Capture Guidelines have gone forward from PARS Exec to ALCTS for approval
   b. Liaisons needed for:
      i. CALM
         1. ALA level committee, so it has a spot for a program
         2. Their MO is to develop a theme and work on it outside of the conference
         3. This year’s theme was Advocacy
         4. Next year’s will be the 21st Century Learner (focus on Education/Certification)
      ii. Also, RBMS (In theory, could be the same person)
      iii. Holly contacted CALM but did not get added to their list; note that their schedule conflicts with PARS BPIG
      iv. Resolution drafted: PARS will send a Member at Large (to be determined) to CALM and will ask for a CALM or RBMS liaison to PAIG.
      v. Resolution was moved, seconded, & approved.
   8. Report from Brian Baird of Preservation Standards & Practices Committee (PS&P)
      a. Duly recognized need to support and sustain preservation statistics
         i. Annie, incoming committee chair, is interested
         ii. Resolution: Charge PS&P to create a Task Force/Working Group that answers to PS&P for the next 2 years (through Annual 2015) with the following roles:
            1. Review the survey proper (content of questions asked)
            2. Outreach
            3. Data analysis
         iii. Resolution was moved, seconded, & approved.
      b. Metadata standard effort for audio, involving PARS, MLA, DCC
c. Jian and Brian met with the group to review a Web doc on the ALCTS site
d. Considering getting involved in editing Wikipedia entries related to Preservation in a formal way
e. Digital Preservation: concerns Tech Services, Special Collections, & Preservation; requires being proactive, and need to consider where it gets covered in ALA as an organization
f. Jake suggested that perhaps the ALCTS answer might be to look to the Digital Content Working Group for direction on this topic
g. Some discussion of an organizational need for education on ALCTS/PARS membership, “ALCTS101”
h. Maintenance over time of the Minimum Capture Guidelines will be a PS&P duty
9. Report from Miriam Centeno regarding Preservation Week
   a. Busy expanding content, audience, & collaborations
   b. Next time will feature a new events map finder
   c. Library of Congress and Society of American Archivists together taking up challenge of preservation for military families
d. NDIIP staff will put together digital preservation webinars (digital photos & personal archives)
e. The Dear Donia column received sponsorship of $600 from Hollinger
f. Donations increased by $6000
g. Approached Ancestry.com, unsuccessfully
h. Website content will be refreshed
i. Concerns: Main need is more people to help
j. Pres. Week is outgrowing our small community
k. Not in sync with ALA calendar
l. Could use public librarian involvement
10. Report from Katy Risseeuw on BPIG
    a. Katy is rotating off; next up will be Dawn Aveline
    b. IG had 20+ attendees
    c. Theme was architecture, considering Chicago venue
d. Info on practicum opportunities for interns
e. Feature on architectural archives, their materials, their space
f. Access issues, including intellectual access for architectural drawings
g. Section on UIUC student condition survey of maps
h. Question from Ann Marie: overlap with RBMS?
i. Katy: yes, Preservation and archives overlap
j. For future thought: Possibly rename BPIG to Tangible Materials IG?
11. Report from Jessica Phillips on ALCTS Programming
a. Rotating off; need to replace her
b. There were 9 proposals, none of which are pre-conferences
c. ALCTS would like around 15
d. There will be 2 PARS programs this year:
   i. Celebrating 5 years of Preservation Week
   ii. Howard Besser’s AV project
e. Possibly: “Playing nice with other peoples’ things” (exhibiting materials on loan)
12. Report from Mary Miller on PPP:
   a. Preservation Education Directory: they are reviewing a draft charge for a new group to take this on
   b. Possible program: grassroots funding for pres.; kickstarter, social media, etc.
   c. Possible PARS Forum: a town hall on retention and withdrawal? Looking for sponsors, participants
d. From BPIG: possible program on architectural drawings and large formats in general
e. ALCTS Publications news:
   i. Ellen Cunningham-Kruppa will be the new Monographic Editions editor
   ii. Possible books on emergency planning for high-density storage and on Fundamentals of Preservation
   iii. Financially, it was a good year, making $18K; the conservation lab monograph is selling well
   iv. Need to clarify roles between ALCTS Publications committee and its sections’ publication committees
f. Jake proposed handling two resolutions by email:
   i. One thanking Miriam for Preservation Week work and
   ii. One thanking Ian for his work on the capture guidelines
13. Meeting adjournment motioned, seconded, approved at 11:28am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lowe
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