



PARS Exec Meeting

ALA Midwinter, Philadelphia, PA

Monday, January 27, 2014

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

Summary:

Meeting topics included:

New overlap into scholarly communication issues (research data management, open access), business related to the ALCTS Strategic Plan, scheduling implications, publications, Preservation Week, and preservation statistics. Collaboration and outreach are recurring themes.

Committee Members Present:

Becky Ryder (PARS Exec Chair)

Kara McClurken (PARS Exec Vice Chair/Chair-Elect)

Jacob Nadal (PARS Exec Past Chair)

Ian Bogus (PARS Exec Member at Large)

Stephanie Lamson (PARS Exec Member at Large)

David Lowe (PARS Exec Secretary)

Excused:

Hillary Seo (PARS Exec Member at Large)

Presenting to the Committee (in order of appearance):

Sarah Potvin & Chelcie Rowell (PARS Intellectual Access IG)

Genevieve Owens (ALCTS President)

Mary Page (ALCTS President Elect)

Jennifer Paustenbaugh (ALCTS Advocacy and Policy Committee)

Jeanne Drewes (ALCTS Monographs Editorial Board)

Brian Baird (PARS Preservation Standards & Practices Cmte)

Martha Horan (PARS Rep to ALCTS Planning Cmte)

Kris Kern (ALCTS Organization & Bylaws Cmte)

Miriam Centeno (Preservation Week)

Jessica Phillips (PARS Program, Planning, & Publications)

1. Minutes from last meeting at Annual in Chicago
 - a. Need header to say “Annual” not “Midwinter” [since corrected and replaced on Connect. –DBL]
 - b. Otherwise, approved with that correction
2. Report from Intellectual Access IG (Sarah)
 - a. Had 35 attendees at their session per sign-in sheet
 - b. Presenters were information scientists from Drexel who had worked with FAA lab, and topic was trustworthiness of collective labs’ scientific data
 - c. Since preservation relevance was questioned in Q&A, Sarah sought confirmation from PARS Exec
 - d. Jake and Kara felt that, though broad in perspective, it was not out of scope as a fitting topic, and that we should be involved in this
 - e. Becky praised their marketing efforts
 - f. Sarah felt that a time allotment of greater than 1 hour would be beneficial
 - g. Jake moved that the IG’s name be changed to simply “Preservation Metadata IG”
3. Report from new ALCTS Advocacy and Policy Committee (Jennifer)
 - a. Jennifer making the rounds to raise awareness of this new committee, chair of which is Olivia Madison
 - b. Two primary tasks before them include
 - i. ALCTS strategy in response to OSTP call for greater public access to government-generated or -enabled information
 - ii. Responses to ALA-accreditation proposals
 1. Curricular concerns about preparing students properly
 2. Will be soliciting feedback at ALCTS-wide level after Annual
 - c. Also developing talking points for conversations with groups outside our profession
 - d. Important to distinguish from Standards Committee
4. Report from ALCTS Board (Genevieve)

- a. ALA level themes important for us include
 - i. Financial Stability
 - ii. Organizational Flexibility
 - iii. Excellence
- b. Other updates:
 - i. LRTS will be eOnly and Open Access as of Jan. 2015.
 - 1. Printing costs were approx. \$20K/year
 - 2. Editor will be Mary Beth Weber
 - 3. NOT funded by member dues
 - 4. Already Green OA after 12 month embargo
 - ii. Advocacy and Policy Committee:
 - 1. Preconference had 40 attendees
 - 2. Concerned with OSTP and 2014 omnibus appropriation provisions for agencies >\$100M
 - a. Met with Emily Sheketoff
 - b. ALCTS will draft letter to OMB
 - iii. Fundraising
 - 1. 2014 marks the 25th anniversary of ALCTS as a named entity
 - 2. Will be kicking off donor campaign “25 Years of Awesome” with initial contributions from Genevieve and Brian Schottlaender
 - iv. Featured ALCTS speaker at Annual will be Jennifer Kahnweiler
 - 1. Topic: Introverts and Leadership
 - 2. Lessons learned need not stay in Vegas
- 5. Report from ALCTS Board (Mary)
 - a. Pound the pavement with new colleagues and encourage them to volunteer
 - b. Courtney Young, incoming ALA President, has declared that there will be no new initiatives funded
 - i. Instead, they hope to fund things that pop up and get them done
 - ii. Values diversity and collaboration across divisions
- 6. Report from ALCTS Monographs (Jeanne)
 - a. New process approved for manuscript submission and approval
 - i. PARS Exec approval of a manuscript, for example, would be sufficient to send it forward
 - 1. Question from Brian: Does that include web publications?
 - 2. Answer from Jeanne: No, not as a web pub.
 - b. ALA Committee on Legislation is working on Preservation Plan for Gov Docs
 - i. Topics suggested include Preservation Methods and Trusted Partners
 - ii. Summary of Midwinter discussions will be published for ALA
 - iii. Plan to ask ALCTS Board what role PARS should play in this effort

1. Need to know who's doing what
2. Need inventory, incl. what's held regionally
3. GODORT interaction: contact Sarah Erekson at Chicago Public Library
- c. Open access books issue
 - i. Monographs business accounts for 16% of ALCTS' income
 - ii. So, probably not the first place to start in open access exploration
7. Report from PSP (Brian)
 - a. Annie Peterson is incoming chair
 - i. Will be handling Preservation Statistics effort
 1. Focus will be on libraries, so less inclusive than last year
 - b. New project in which tasked with working with Music Library Association
 - c. Involved in a task force working on ALCTS publications
 - d. Continuing project looking at metadata standards for digital audio
 - i. Link to a web document on ALCTS site
 - ii. "We endorse, not publish."
 - e. Digital Conversion Interest Group report:
 - i. Had 78 attendees
 - ii. Identified a possible program for Midwinter or Annual 2015.
 1. Martha already planning to discuss with PPP, per Becky
 - f. Wikipedia page editing project suggestions, possibly a hackathon as part of Preservation Week?
 - g. New [Zotero list for PSP topics](#), set up by Gena Chattin, U. of New Orleans
 - h. Liaison update: Myron Chase retired and was not replaced as rep. to AIIM, which had a meeting without a quorum
8. Report from rep. to ALCTS Planning (Martha)
 - a. Outreach effort to new members
 - b. Reviewing new plan
 - i. Sent survey to ALCTS Board
 - ii. Need to better articulate benefits of membership
 - iii. And to increase awareness of Strategic Plan and communicate related accomplishments better
 - iv. Not doing a major revision (last one was 2011; updated every 2 years)
 - v. Looking for SMART goals
9. PARS Exec discussion of Midwinter question (Becky)
 - a. Primary question: Should IGs meet 1x/year only at Annual?
 - b. Concerns:
 - i. Getting the organization's work done
 - ii. Cost/time involved in 2 meetings/year

- iii. Bundled registrations
 - c. Need to re-survey
- 10. Report from ALCTS Standards (Ian)
 - a. Establishing list of standards, how we express interest and respond
 - b. Working out a mechanism
- 11. PARS Exec update to Preservation Week Working Group
 - a. Approved renaming as “Preservation Week Committee”
- 12. Report from ALCTS Organization and Bylaws Committee (Kris)
 - a. They are reviewing all sections, all committees
 - b. Had reports from several to review:
 - i. Composition, meeting frequency, charge, meeting expectations
 - ii. Early one was Acquisitions
 - 1. Did self-evaluation, followed by O&B review
 - iii. Currently putting together a template with evaluation questions
 - iv. Need to evaluate all every 5 years
- 13. Report from Preservation Week (Miriam)
 - a. Co-chair will be Nancy Kraft
 - b. Currently 3 webinars slated:
 - i. (Feb. 12): Hosting a Preservation Week event
 - ii. Scrapbooking
 - iii. Low-cost Preservation Treatments
 - c. Initiatives? Since this is the 5th year, sticking to what we have been doing
 - d. Fundraising: working on new sustainability model
 - e. Will have booth at PLA
 - f. New relationship established with Ancestry.com
 - g. Getting better at streamlining, task listing
 - h. Membership is working out
 - i. Web piece complex (Facebook and the ALA site) but manageable
 - j. Appreciates support of PARS Exec.
- 14. Report from PPP (Jessica)
 - a. Virtual pre-conferences in the works:
 - i. Karen Brown: Intro to Preservation
 - ii. Julie Mosbo: Environmental Control
 - iii. Peter Verheyen: Preserving Digital Collections
 - b. 3 programs at Annual:
 - i. Celebrating 5 years of Preservation Week
 - ii. A/V in University Libraries
 - iii. Planning and Care in Display of Borrowed Materials in Special Collections Libraries

- iv. (Might need to move the A/V since it conflicts with Committees timeslot)
 - c. Miranda Nixon and Amelia Mowry have been charged to facilitate the review process for SMART goals per Martha Horan, to see how we're meeting ALCTS goals
 - d. Promotional ideas: investigating community outreach efforts before conferences
 - i. Similar to AIC Angels
 - ii. Would be huge undertaking, not to be shouldered lightly
 - e. PresEd Directory update
 - i. Several people will edit
 - ii. Trying to get as much done as possible by Annual
 - iii. Will be web publication
 - f. Program ideas
 - i. (Winston Atkins): Kickstarter for preservation project funding
 - ii. Alternative format in THATCamp vein: attendee participation/unconference/lightning rounds
 - iii. International outreach with preservation (several ideas)
 - iv. eJournal preservation issues
 - g. Publications
 - i. One idea: job descriptions (per Martha)
 - ii. Simmons book forthcoming on Intro to Preservation topic, which Jake and Karen Brown had been planning, so they will wait before proceeding with theirs
 - iii. LRTS article on Preservation Stats forthcoming from Holly and Annie
 - h. Committee size is working well, but need someone now ready to be co-chair in 2016
 - i. CALM update: Mary Ghikas is the ALA All-section supervisor
 - i. Envisioning Future of Libraries (cp. Future of Museums)
15. Report from Continuing Ed.
- a. Stephanie Lamson cycling off
 - b. Need a PARS rep; maybe a PPP person?
16. Meeting adjournment motioned, seconded, approved at 11:37am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lowe



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