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Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship

(COSWL) 

1997 Annual Conference

San Francisco, CA

Summary

Saturday, June 28, 1997: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Committee Present:

Sherrie Bergman, acting chair; Theresa Tobin, Dottie Hiebing and Narda Tafuri.

Changes to the Minutes

The following changes to the previous minutes were note: Liz Futas name was misspelled, Pat Schuman not Pat Conway.

Discussion

Theresa Tobin said that she will be the new chair of COSWL beginning with the 1998 Midwinter Conference in New Orleans. Sherrie Berman agreed to stand in for Naomi Caldwell-Wood who could not attend the 1997 Annual Conference.

Theresa said that there was no agenda for this meeting. The breakfast scheduled for Monday, June 29th was canceled due to schedule conflicts, lack of planning and preparation. Sherrie indicated that COSWL needs to figure out what its agenda should be. Naomi did a great job at trying to pull together connections of what happened in the past.

Theresa indicated that we needed to find out what ALA members expect from COSWL. Narda asked if Coleen Sullivan had provided the list of former COSWL chairs and members and the schedules of all women's groups that are meeting during the ALA Annual and Midwinter Conferences. Theresa said she would look into this. Theresa also stated that she would see if the proposed preconference, "Advancing Women in Library Leadership", was still going to be held.

Future Meetings

The following days and times were agreed upon for future COSWL meetings:

Midwinter: Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Annual: Saturday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

It was determined that the subcommittees usually meet with the parent committee to give progress reports. The following subcommittees are under COSWL: Advancing Women in Library Leadership Task Force and Bibliography Task Force.

A packet of information will be set up for members attending the Midwinter meeting which will include the following: the committee's charge, an article detailing the committee's past, the last two years of minutes and the current list of members with terms.

Midwinter Meeting

It was proposed that these committee members take on the following tasks prior to the 1998 Midwinter Conference: Narda will come back with a proposed COSWL website to demonstrate; Theresa will work with Coleen Sullivan to get the information originally requested; Dottie will contact Nancy Kranich, our ALA Board representative, to request support for the committee.

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