

ACRL ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY SECTION
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
ALA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Saturday, June 25, 2011: 8 - 10:00am
Location: New Orleans Marriott Iberville Room

Attendees: Helen Clements, Hailey Mooney, Jenny Bowers, Erin Gratz

I. Minutes from the Midwinter 2011 meeting were approved.

II. Continuing Business

A. Website

- 1. Updates: Guidelines for Analyzing Bibliographic Resources:** Helen will look into having the Bibliography committee update these guidelines.
- 2. Blog:** There was a brief discussion about if the blog was needed, and what is the purpose of both the blog and the newsletter existing. There was thought that this should be discussed in Executive Committee to investigate the larger interest in the blog.
- 3. Wiki:** Subject & Bibliographic Access Committee are still using the wiki, but have mentioned that they are interested in moving to ANSSWeb. Unfortunately, the wiki has been hacked a couple of times this spring. Erin will talk with Lars Klint to discuss possibilities and their interest in moving their content to ANSSWeb.
- 4. Subject Guides vs. Resources for Librarians and Information Specialists**
 - The two guides/bibliographies are from the old website, the committee discussed the purpose of having them separate and decided to merge the bibliographies and guides. Decided to call the link: Resources for Subject Literature. It will be similar to what is now on ANSSWeb for Resources for Librarians and Information Specialists by having one title for top level with drop down for each subject. The subject guide links will be added to the end of the current bibliographies. Erin will merge these pages after Annual.
 - Discussed the need for a Criminology guide. Brainstormed names of ANSS members who maybe willing to help start a basic bibliography. Hailey mentioned Jon Harrison, other possibilities include Venta Silins or Wade Kotter. Erin offered to follow up on this.
 - Discussion to include a form on the website to solicit for new resources to be added to the guides.
 - Helen reported that the Bibliography Committee is going to start working on these. Starting with the last version updated - we think it is sociology. Hailey volunteered to help.

B. ANSS Currents

- Jenny reported that there is still a problem getting people to turn in the narrative for Currents as well as the minutes despite providing more

reminders. It might be helpful if chairs were encouraged to submit the narrative along with the minutes.

- We need another member profile for the Fall Currents. Helen suggested Annie Paprocki, the AAA Liaison, since Sally Wilson Weimer, the ASA Liaison, was highlighted in the last Currents.
- Jenny will write an overview of the Membership Survey for the Fall issue.
- The survey indicated a need for more practical articles on ANSS librarianship. This is a topic that we have discussed before - articles that would highlight the completion or details of a project or collaboration; current research; presentations made; etc. Hailey volunteered to write an article on organizing the sociology department library for the spring issue.
- We brainstormed ideas for new columns.
 - Technology column - Erin will write an article on creating a 5 minute Camtasia video.
 - The liaison articles have been a good addition, and the intention is to continue offering those.
 - Instruction column – these articles could revolve around teaching tips, book reviews, an exercise/tip that worked in the classroom, etc. This would be a good column for the Instruction & Information Literacy committee. Jenny will talk to Jason Phillips about the idea.

III. New Business

A. Discuss Membership Survey results

- ANSS membership is currently between 400-500, there were 61 responses to the survey.
- Discussion on updating ANSS-L with website changes. With the release of the new website in February, there have been few changes and the updates/additions that have been made have been announced to ANSS-L. This will continue to be the practice.
- There were quite a few comments on current resources on the website. Discussed how the bibliographies and resources should be maintained – seems like it needs to be a close working relationship with the Bibliography Committee with them creating the content and Publications making sure the links remain up-to-date. There were also quite a few comments regarding helpful websites to be included on the bibliographies. Helen stated that the Bibliography would add websites to the lists by the 1st of November.
- A core book and journal list was mentioned multiple times in the comments. We discussed the possibility of this, and while it is an excellent idea, it is also a substantial undertaking and how can we create a comprehensive list without completely watering down the subject areas. This is a topic that needs to be discussed across ANSS committees/discussion groups.
- There was a suggestion to include a webpage on the liaisons, this is a good idea that we will act on.
- A few comments asked for new product information. Discussed the amount of new products that are created each year, and only having two

reviews in Currents. Helen mentioned having links on the bibliographies that point to places for reviews of products, as well as helpful listservs to get the information.

- Discussion on the possibility of a "Toolkit for New Librarians in Anthropology, Sociology and Criminology". There would be overlap between this and the other bibliographies, but could also have more advice and basic information of how to get started. There was an overall feeling that this was larger than the Publications Committee, and perhaps a special task force might want to work on this.

B. Logo and Banner

- For the joint EBSS/ANSS social, EBSS had a banner with their logo that they were going to display. Jenny discussed the possibility of a banner and logo with Liz and Jennifer. We could use a banner at socials, programs, ACRL 101, and other events in which ANSS participates. develop a few logos and have the membership vote.
- ANSS doesn't really have a logo. We discussed the jaguar man and looked at logos of other sections, many use the acronym and pretty simple designs. We discussed possible colors and noted that we have done a lot with red/gold.
- Discussed a plan to come up with a logo. Each member of the Publications Committee will search vector images for something similar to the jaguar man (on 2004 Currents), research pricing, etc. and will share them via email. The possibility of holding a contest across the membership for logos was also discussed, which would be a way to pull in membership. WGSS recently updated their logo, their Publications Committee presented a few logo ideas to the membership for a vote. Erin will talk to members of WGSS to find out how they went about designing a logo. The committee thought a vote/poll of the membership on the final designs was a good way to get buy-in for the new logo.
- Timeline: Share images with one another by beginning to mid-September, this will give us enough time to decide if we want to have a contest by November 1. The final goal is to have a new logo in place for Midwinter in Dallas.
- Jenny and Erin will talk with executive about budget for logos and banners. The banner will be discussed after we have a logo.

IV. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Gratz
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