

ACRL/CLS Continuing Education Committee

Minutes

June 18, 2001

Marriott Hotel, San Francisco

Attending: Rita Gulstad, chair, Sharon Britton, Rick Dyson, Debbie Malone, Marilyn Martin, George Millen, Laura Rein, Susan Whyte.

Rita Gulstad reported on the CLS Board meeting that took place on Saturday the 16th. Items discussed were: virtual membership and the need for job descriptions for virtual members; the Section Leadership Council is asking sections to send appropriate documents to ALA's archives (the CLS Board identified minutes, flyers, member rosters, and Friday Night Feast information as appropriate for archiving); beginning 2002, the midwinter meeting will be shortened by one day—no meetings will be scheduled for Tuesdays; CLS plans to partner with other sections to develop a web site to promote academic libraries using "@your academic library" slogan.

Marilyn Martin reported on the status of plans with Bill Nelson and Bob Fernekes to train librarians in the application of the new Standards for College Libraries. Bill will propose to the CLS Board at Tuesday's meeting a "train the trainer" approach, as well as a preconference for the 2002 annual conference. CE Committee members discussed how this might be implemented. Regional training sessions might be conducted, using those people trained at the preconference, working with Nelson and Fernekes. Questions raised: How might this be funded? What kind of commitment would we expect from the "trainees"? The CLS representative to the ACRL Board suggested to Rita Gulstad that we might request special initiative funding. The CE Committee approved conceptually the plan to so-sponsor a program with the Standards Committee. Marilyn Martin will discuss these issues with Bill and Bob, and report back to the committee.

The CE Committee now has one virtual member, and we must develop a job description. Committee members agreed that virtual members would be expected to assist with projects and complete assigned tasks designed to fulfill the committee's charge, just as all other members are expected to do.

The CLS Board president also asked our committee to investigate ways we can use technology to provide continuing education opportunities. She used the example of chat rooms to develop virtual learning communities. The CE committee felt that a listserv devoted to implementing the standards might be the best way to start. Charles Getchell is willing to host such a list. Marilyn Martin will contact Charles.

Marilyn J. Martin, Chair