

LES Exec I Meeting Minutes
8:00 – 10:00 Saturday morning
Westin Stuart Room

Present: Kathy Johnson (Chair), Kristine Anderson (Acting Vice Chair), Susanna van Sant (Past Chair), Karen Munro (Secretary), Vince Graziano (Member at Large), Michaelyn Burnette, Angela Courtney, Steven Harris, Millie Jackson, Juliet Kerico, Kathleen Kluegel, Michael Macan, Shawn Martin, Linda Stein

I. Introductions

II. Amendments to Agenda: Discuss the role of information literacy in the Section's Action Plan in item II of the agenda. Include charge for Section Historian in Exec II. Include possibility of celebrating a LES anniversary, which has been discussed in the past.

III. Approval of Annual 2006 minutes as written.

IV. Approval of revised agenda

IV. Announcements from ACRL: Leadership Council and Sections Council

Leadership Council notes:

Camila Alire, past president of ACRL: Early bird registration for Baltimore ACRL conference closes Feb 7. Next deadline is Feb 28. 1100 people registered, expecting 2500. Consider registering for virtual conf after Feb 7. Open position as ACRL *C&RL* Editor (previously Stephanie Orphan, who's moved to electronic version of journal). Can contact May Ellen Davis to find out more.

James Mullins, Chair of ACRL research committee, is trying to get information from ACRL Sections for the ACRL Environmental Scan. Identifying top ten trends affecting academic libraries in next 10 years. Will be in *C&RL News*. How to get better response from members for survey? KK suggested putting out question to everyone in membership: What concerns you the most? Suggestion: Would we want to ask a similar question in the LES Biblio-Notes? Let membership respond via email.

Julie Todero, ACRL president 2007-2008, is having midnight focus groups. Recruitment and retention of new librarians will be the focus of Anaheim ACRL conference.

Restructuring: Focus on restructuring ACRL to make it more flexible and appealing to those unable to travel to conferences. Expand opportunities for member involvement. Create interest groups as new avenue for member involvement and exchange. Responsive, flexible, inclusive, informal. Like DGs but with money. There are common issues being worked on across the Sections—info literacy, technology, retention, etc.—so good to have something outside of Section structure to allow informal contact across Sections. KK suggests that IGs can grow into Sections over 6 years. IGs have "sunset clause" after 2 years, infinitely renewable. Sections can also choose to become IGs. This recommendation will have profound impact on how our organization will look in the next few years. Members should pay attention to call on LES-L for comments, and comment accordingly.

Nominations: Change nominations process to emphasize knowledge bases such as technology, assessment, etc. Attempt to flatten ACRL hierarchy from the ground up.

General ACRL cultural shifts: ACRL loses knowledge and expertise to other units such as ALCTS; changes are an attempt to provide a home for them in ACRL IGs, instead of losing them to the other divisions. Virtual exchange will be primary over f2f exchange. ALA Online Communities software may be used? Company hosting Online Communities software has gone out of business; ALA working to replace the software/provider.

Sections Council notes:

Meeting Sat afternoon 4-6 to discuss Information Literacy Structure. KK will attend.

Bylaws: Sections don't need bylaws, because they have no fiduciary responsibilities. We just need good policies & procedures. We can get rid of our bylaws, with a vote.

Discussion: KJ wants to put this on the agenda for Annual 2007. Unclear whether this is just a possibility or whether we can actually go ahead and do this. Need more input from ACRL, need to review bylaws to see whether we need to retain anything. Many bylaws are in our Officer's Manual. Maybe we can move the rest of them over to the OM too. May want ad hoc committee to do this, with slightly longer timeline, say put on ballot for spring 2008. Would have to be done by October 2007, to get it in *C&RL News* two months before election. **KJ will check further to find out details on process, etc. Will report back at Annual, where we can appoint a group to handle this. Will send message to LES-L in February to see whether any member has stake or insight.**

Research committees: Various other Sections have research committees; there's interest in having informal presentations (20-minute paper prezes) at Annual & Midwinter. Formal ACRL paper acceptance rate is low, and this would provide a way of getting good material out. ACRL could arrange another venue for work that isn't presented in conference to be presented? I.e., committee that's reading proposals could send declined proposals along. **Worth bringing up at general Membership meeting?**

New appointment procedure: ALA now has a site that allows people to sign up for positions, and Section vice-chairs can visit the site to slot people into roles. Eliminates prior need for faxing forms between volunteers and vice-chairs. The LES website now links directly to the ALA form.

Discussion: The form is very long, possibly discouraging to volunteers. May be able to make this more customized in future; ALA is willing to work with us on this. RUSA and ALCTS are both using this system already. The new ACRL appointment process will be discussed in Membership later today.

Information Literacy Advisory Committee: Call for someone to attend 4:00 ILAC meeting on Sunday. KJ talked with Lisa Hinchliffe about getting Research Competency Guidelines through the process. We have already satisfied many of the guideline requirements. LH is the person to talk with about this. **KK: some editorial work remains, and a simultaneous submission to SAC and ACRL Board by April. KK will ensure that we check off all items on the ACRL list of requirements.**

Brochures: New section brochure is complete. Credit goes to LS and the Publications Committee for their hard work in making sure that LES met the deadline for Midwinter. (We were one of the few sections to do so.) Brochures will also be useful at ACRL in Baltimore.

V. Membership meeting plans

KK will check to see whether she sent 2006 minutes to LES-L, or only to LES-Exec. If not, she will do so. Introductions, pass out flyers for Shakespeare & Libraries program at Annual 2007. Have committee chairs give brief presentation on activities. Introduction / report from SM and MJ. Call for volunteers for LES. Warn people that ACRL will be asking questions soon about shaping the division. Prompt response to email survey. LS will discuss Biblio-Notes's upcoming issue. Fall issue is up online. Deadlines for copy: end of September, end of February. Research Comp Gdlines should be discussed at LES Annual 2007, since they're going to MLA 2007, to give fair warning to membership. Second portion will discuss multimedia as it applies to literature librarianship and academic librarianship more generally.

VI. Proposed revision to LES Officers' Manual

Change number of Nominations Committee members (currently, LES Bylaws say 3, Officers' Manual says 4.) Moved to change text of Officers' Manual to state 3 people on Nominations Committee. Seconded. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

VII. LES Information Literacy Discussion Group

VG: proposing formation of new IL discussion group within LES. Issues for section members include everything from handouts to classroom sessions. Would be one outcome of accepting the ACRL LES Research Competency Guidelines. Discussion: Would we want to use the phrase "Information Literacy"? Could we expand the scope of another DG (esp. NMDG) to accommodate this discussion? We have scheduling problems at meetings, and also we've had to submit our Annual schedule already. Soonest this could be introduced is Midwinter 2008. May wish to use Membership meeting to discuss the idea and get it out to Section members.

VIII. Visit from Scott Walter, ACRL Vice-President/President-Elect Candidate

Candidates' Forum Sunday 11:30 – 1:30 in Westin; one chance to see and hear from candidates. New degree of transparency this year; will be recorded and podcast. Will also be posting answers to prepared questions to ACRL blog. Allow people to comment.

Question: Can you clarify the role of Interest Groups in ACRL, as opposed to Sections? Answer: Don't understand why we need IGs. Seems to duplicate other groups in ACRL. Challenge is real: how to make organization more agile and responsive, member-controlled? But SW thinks existing structure can do this; adding level of bureaucracy doesn't help. Also, dues required to belong to IGs.

Question: What would your main goals be if elected? Answer: Find way to better engage 3 pieces of ACRL: national organization, sections, and chapters. For most people ACRL is the section or chapter, not the national org. How to engage these people? National doesn't listen as well as it talks. Also, building on professional development programs. Most members find professional development biggest benefit of ACRL; how do we build on that success? Particularly with dues increases.

Question: Often, more professional development opportunity requires more money. We're realistic about costs of programs, but what is value of ACRL membership if not to offset the cost of professional development and make training, etc. available at little or no cost? Answer: Chapters offer much lower rates for opportunities, because national has ALA overhead: 27% cut to ALA, plus costs of conference fees (i.e., coffee service at high rates, etc.)

Question: How do you feel about international members? Answer: International representation could be stronger. ACRL Harvard in summer 2006 had strong Canadian representation. How can we expand this? Canadian 8Rs project interesting. Lots of back and forth between Canada and the US. VG: can you give a break to international members when exchange rate is high/low?

Question: What's been the most important aspect of ACRL for you? Answer: The people. Any major ACRL event is always more about the people, long-term, than any particular content delivered.

IX. Meeting adjourned.

10:07 am