

**Minutes of the Literatures in English Section, Executive Committee II
Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)**

American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

**Monday, June 25, 2007, 10:30 – 12:00 pm, Capital Hilton, Massachusetts
Room**

Present: Kathy Johnson (Chair), Kristine Anderson (Vice-Chair), Juliet Kerico, Sofia Lesinska (incoming Chair) Karen Munro (Secretary, incoming Vice-Chair), Angela Courtney, Vince Graziano, Steve Harris, Millie Jackson, Kathleen Kluegel, Michael Macan, Shawn Martin, Linda Stein

Call to order: 10:35 am

1. Call for additions to agenda: no additions.
2. Special report from Planning Committee
 - a. LES Strategic Plan is locked, no further revisions are allowed for the goals and objectives portion. However, activities in support of the goals are under continued revision. Kathleen Kluegel has done an initial edit of the goals in the plan, changing each element to a single verb/action, identifying an expected end date or else designating as ongoing activity, identifying responsibility. **Kathleen will write this up for all activities, and send it out to LES-L for review by members.** LES Exec can then pick out a couple of activities to focus on for a given year. Remaining activities will stay on the list, but will drop down to the bottom for consideration another year. **This is the framework we'll use to operate with our Action Plans for the future.** The LES Strategic Plan will help us to plan our Action Plans over a longer period than the two weeks following Annual conference.
3. 2009 Strategic Action Plan: **Kathleen Kluegel will send out the stripped-down, rewritten LES Strategic Plan to LES Exec asap, so we have time to review it before the July 13 deadline for the Strategic Action Plan.**

Round robin of ideas for the 2009 LES Strategic Action Plan:

- web clearinghouse for literature research instruction
- web clearinghouse for others' guides to literature research instruction
- similar but shorter-term project, such as white paper or chapter, presentation, etc. on literature research instruction
- connection to book by LES members: *Teaching Literary Research*
- web-mounted literature tutorials of the year or the month—current awareness aspect? these would not be maintained in perpetuity

- longer/more substantial version of LES newsletter: LES newsletters are not limited in length on the website, so we can produce a second version with more content, dividing responsibility for web and print versions between two or more LES members. Note: WESS does a model with more on the web, a condensed version in print, but is looking to consolidate in one format
 - Newberry Library theme of some kind? to coincide with Annual 2009 in Chicago.
 - information architecture of LES website
 - more publication of member articles etc. on LES website
 - wiki-fy the LES website
 - schedule a cultural event at conferences such as the Folger tours in DC or the WESS boat tour
 - explore fundraising options for programs and events
 - sponsor an award
 - discussion of our relationship with vendors and their products—why do we not contribute more to these products, and how do we afford them: what is the value of literature librarianship focus—what do we bring/contribute?
 - create a LES wiki for housing online materials, providing institutional repository (ACRL doesn't archive electronic materials, just print), give committee members space to share drafts etc.
 - idea hopper
 - informal liaison to MLA, ABELL, and other publishers of literature research tools (invite Barbara Chen to Exec?)
 - continue goal of presenting at MLA, with committee established to handle this
 - clean up website and beef up website, with assistance for Shawn Martin
4. Membership Report: Membership's program for 2008 Annual is going to be on the topic of Subject Guides. They are also considering doing something with the directory in connection with members' subject guides. [Note: One of LES's 2008 Strategic Action Plans designates a discussion of using LES Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English as the topic of the Midwinter 2008 Membership discussion.]
5. Wiki Project: **Vince Graziano will set up a wiki with ALA to use as a sandbox for sharing instructional materials, selection policies, etc. Start with instructional materials as a pilot. Linda, as head of Publications, will work with Vince. Shawn Martin will offer technical support in linking from the LES website.**
6. Reports:
- a. Kristine Anderson, Vice-Chair: There is still no chair for Planning, except Kathy Johnson as interim. Call at Membership meeting did not produce any volunteers.
 - b. Sophie Lesinska, Incoming Chair: Western European Studies Section is planning a trip to Oxford; do we want to contact them to discuss? Tabled for lack of time to discuss. Follow-up from Midwinter 2007: Sophie has checked contents of box from Adam Burling at ACRL and found it full of minutes; **will return it to him.** It was sent by mistake.

- c. Karen Munro, Secretary: No report.
- d. Juliet Kerico, Annual 2008 Program Planning: The program will be titled "Reading Pictures: The Language of Wordless Books." Eric Drooker, author of *Flood*, will give a reading or talk. Dark Horse Comics may contribute support. Arts Section did not put forward program proposal for Annual 2008; Juliet will contact them to see if they want to partner. Other possible partners include Young Adult Library Services Association (ALA) and Popular Culture in Libraries, the Public Library Association, the Arts Librarians Association. Juliet has booked a room for 350 attendees. Perry Willett will be on the panel to talk about context. **Will try to get a scholar from SoCal who works on graphic novels etc. Will include European graphic novels as well as American.**
- e. Vince Graziano, Member at Large: **Will send past minutes etc. to Shawn for mounting on website.** Recommends a 3-year retention program for minutes etc. on LES website. (General agreement.)
- f. Kathy Johnson, 2007 Program Planning Committee: **Douglas Black has the program evaluation forms, but should see them soon.**
- g. Kathleen Kluegel, Planning: Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English were approved by ACRL Standards & Accreditation yesterday. Only minor editorial changes were made. They will be on the ACRL Board consent agenda tomorrow. Hope for quick approval and **can then take "Draft" off our versions.**

End of minutes by Karen Munro, LES Secretary (11:45)

[11:45-12:00 Minutes by Sophie Lesinska]

To be added.