Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to submit an update of their activities within one-month after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter ________

Report for Annual Conference 2010

Name of Committee: Committee on Accreditation

Committee Chair: Vicki L. Gregory

Committee Members Present: Vicki L. Gregory (Chair), Gail W. Avery, James A. Benson, Ken Haycock, Lynne Howarth, Joseph Janes, John P. Mulvaney, Daniel O’Connor, Donna M. Shannon, David Werner, Joyce C. Wright.

Committee Members Absent: Brian Andrew

Others Present: Various LIS program representatives and chairs of external review panels; Karen O’Brien (Director), Laura Dare (Assistant Director), Office for Accreditation.

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:

• Made accreditation decisions concerning five programs.
• Approved External Review Panels (ERP) for fall 2011 comprehensive review visits and ERP chairs for spring 2012 comprehensive review visits.
• Approved draft agenda for COA fall meeting taking place November 19-21, 2010.
• Reviewed results of the Office for Accreditation survey of external review panelists conducted to obtain feedback on the possible changing of external review panels from six to four members.
• Conducted an open meeting Accreditor Perspectives on Standards Development and Use of Competency Statements. Moderated a panel discussion with accreditors of the professional degrees in Public Health and in Public Affairs and Administration, who offered their perspectives on standards review and the role of competency statements.

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

• Strategic Planning.
• Accreditation decisions concerning 10 programs.
• Provide program at Midwinter and Annual Conferences.
• Proceed with standards review process, reviewing web survey results and commentary provided via the Standards Review Blog and by other means.
• Review and revise sections of Accreditation Process, Policies, and Procedures (AP3) as needed.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:
Submitted by:  Karen O’Brien, Director, Office for Accreditation

Date Submitted:  July 28, 2010

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