American Library Association
Committee Information Update

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 ______

Name of Committee: Conference Committee

Committee Chair: Stephen L. Matthews

Committee Members Present: Fred Goodman, Melanie Griffin, Darcell Little, Ernie DiMattia (stand in for Exhibitor’s RT), Stephen Matthews, Mary Ruth McInroy, Willie Miller, Scott P. Muir, Donald Roalkvam, Shelly Brightman Walchak

Committee Members Absent: Tracie Hall, Barbara Mates

Others Present: Paul Graller, Cheryl Bryan, Paul Erickson, Mary Ghikas, Jenny Levine, S.G. Ranti Junus

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account: Discussed the idea of the Conference Ecosystem and its component parts. Will continue to monitor various ecosystem aspects and develop better communication and advisement between planning groups and the Conference Committee. Considered the Virtual Conference and agreed to establish a committee liaison to the Virtual Conference Working Group. Considered the improvements in the Conference Planner and discussed future developments. Reviewed and approved the skeleton schedule for Annual 2011. Discussed the Day of Innovation for the Annual Conference. Endorsed the concept. Discussed Midwinter White Paper and issue of transforming Midwinter to reflect Association and member needs. Discussed free wireless issue. Discussed labor issues for conferences.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:
The committee will continue to work to encourage and advance innovations and new ideas into our conferences as we establish better communication with the organizing/implementing groups that plan and present such events as The Bash, Battledecks, the Unconference, etc.

Submitted by: Stephen L. Matthews

Date Submitted: February 21, 2011

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