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 2013

Name of Committee: ALA Scholarships and Study Grants Committee (SSGC)

Committee Chair: Lynne King

Committee Members Present: Lynne O. King (Chair), Jonathan J. Lu (Member), Andrea R. Malone (Member), Amrita Madray (Intern), Alice Knapp (ERT), De Anza Williams (Intern), Lorelle Swader (Staff Liaison)

Committee Members Absent: Jade Alburo (Member), Keisha L. Garnett (HRDR Advisory), Robert Walton (Endowment Trustees), 2 Division Reps, Spectrum Advisory Committee Rep, Round Table Rep, Scholarship Bash Rep

Others Present: Kim Olsen Clark (ALA Development Office) and Carl and Nancy Eisner (Eisner Family Foundation)

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account: The committee identified members to attend the Committee on Organization’s Sunday meeting to speak to the request for COO’s endorsement of the SSGC’s proposal to modify the appointment process for SSGC members and reduce the size of the committee. The proposal seeks to correct problems with lack of timely appointments and participation, especially by representatives from other committees and groups in ALA. If endorsed, COO will recommend approval of the proposal by ALA Council before the end of Annual 2013 (Approved 7/01/13).
In addition, committee members participated in an initial discussion with Eisner Family Foundation and ALA Development Office representatives to learn about the Foundation’s interest in establishing two grants for libraries that seek support to establish or promote and further develop graphic novel collections. There was consensus among committee members that SSGC should actively assist ALA staff and sponsoring group(s) in establishing these grants on a timely basis.

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account: 1) Work with the ALA Development Office to act on the Eisner Family Foundation’s request to establish two renewable grants through ALA, 2) Assist ALA staff by recruiting a pool of jury candidates needed to review applicants for the coming year’s scholarships administered by the ALA Human Resource Development and Recruitment Office, and 3) Maintain an active core of SSGC members sufficient to achieve a quorum in virtual and face to face meetings, pending implementation of the proposal to restructure the committee.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:

Submitted by: _____Lynne King___________

Date Submitted: ____07/29/13______________________________

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