

ALA Committee on Education
Saturday, June 28, 2008
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Hilton Anaheim, San Clemente

Meeting Facilitator: Kenley Neufeld, Chair

Attending: Kenley Neufeld, Mary Biagini, Linda Griffin, Allison Kaplan, Dan O'Connor, Lee Shiflett, Sara Albert, Caroline Shepard, John Budd, Lorie Roy, Lorelle Swader, Michael Gorman, Lorna Peterson, Terry Weech, Peggy Seiden, Frank Novak

Absent: Robert Ellet, Jr., William Hawk, Tiffani Conner, Linda Slusar

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call and welcome
- III. Agenda and Minutes Adoption
 - There were no changes to agenda and did not need to approve minutes from Midwinter.
- IV. Review Committee Charge
 - The committee charge was read aloud by the chair.
- V. **Open issues**
 - a) Reports
 - i. ALA Executive Board (Lorie Roy, Executive Board Liaison)
 - eParticipation task force has been established (also one of Jim's initiatives);
 - New conference content wiki where handouts can be posted;
 - There is a new office for library advocacy;
 - Virtual Day on the Hill is Tuesday;
 - Making conference more welcoming: Membership Pavilion with a mini-auditorium with podcasting, ALA ambassadors, dine-around, lots of division-level 101 programs;
 - Web site redesign will be live at the end of August, preview available now;
 - Budget – limited expansion of new projects, but ALA will be purchasing building for Choice;
 - Library Education Task Force accepting comments through end of July;
 - ALTA and FOLUSA are merging;
 - Task Force on Election Process established;
 - ALA is developing a Space Utilization Plan;
 - ALA-APA - certification programs.

- ii. CLENERT (Caroline Shepard)
 - Nothing to report, but wondering why their membership stats are down.
- iii. IFLA (Terry Weech)
 - Study looking at equivalency and reciprocity of international library education.
- iv. ALISE (John Budd)
 - IMLS funding for the project discussed at Midwinter did not come through. They will likely resubmit an application.
 - Call for participation for ALISE 2009, due date is July 31st.
 - ALISE was asked to cooperate with ACRL to look at preparation for instruction. A working group has met and will submit proposal to ALISE. The goal is to provide “better practices” for programs to consider adopting.
- v. LSS Task Force (Peggy Seiden)
 - This TF developed support staff competencies, sent out and received over 2700 completed surveys, and used suggestions to revise the competencies.
 - They have dropped the areas of programming and marketing.
 - The TF is seeking a general endorsement (not a line-by-line discussion) from COE in the very near future. **ACTION ITEM: place discussion of this issue on agenda for COE’s meeting at next Midwinter Meeting. COE can discuss by email list before Midwinter.**
 - Hoping to wrap up in June 2010.
 - Requirements for certification were discussed, as was the role of LTA programs as providers.
 - Hired an assessment consultant who looked at national testing, approved providers, and portfolios.
 - They will meet in Chicago in October.
- vi. COE Committee Chair (Kenley Neufeld)
 - At Midwinter there was a meeting of several units related to education (COE, COA, ALISE, ASIST, task forces) in an effort to build bridges. There was another meeting in May in Austin including Kenley Neufeld, President-Elect of ASIST Donald Case, Rick Ruben of COA, Loriene Roy, and Lorelle Swader. Kenley gathered themes of discussion via emails to groups and received about 100 responses.
 - COE agreed at the previous meeting that the chairs of COE and COA should communicate. **Michael Gorman, incoming COE chair, and Rick Ruben can arrange a meeting.**
- b) (ALA / ALISE) Forum on Education
 - Yesterday’s forum had a small attendance, not well-announced or promoted. Problem competing with pre-conferences. Midwinter forums should work better.
 - Suggestion to re-instate an invitation/follow-up process and use more publicity in magazine and journals.

- Concern: is there a need to have a forum every year? COE can decide each year and the format can vary.
- Concern: there are not usually large programs at Midwinter unless they are related to a presidential initiative. Lorelle says it is fine to have these on the Friday of Midwinter.
- Must maintain a balance among the current ALA President, COE, and ALISE in terms of planning and decision-making. One member of each COE forum planning committee to be an ALISE member. The COE chair can communicate COE's wishes to the President.
- Funds have been set aside for an annual 2-hour forum from COE. Our ALISE rep, John Budd, will ask for some money from ALISE so that they can be considered a co-sponsor.
- **ACTION ITEM: Add to timeline: forum planning committee will present topics at Annual. This time, they can choose a topic through email discussion and get approval from COE by July 31st.**
- **Kenley will lead the forum planning committee for Midwinter 2009 with John Budd, Linda Griffin, Robert Ellett, and Mary Kay Biagini.**
- Topic ideas: LSS competencies, support staff education in general (interest to ALISE?)

c) Library School Closings

- Report from Lorelle/ALA. Document on strategies for preventing further library school closings. Discussion of the history of the task force related to this document.
- Discussion of some new schools.
- Relationship between COE and COA in terms of information about schools/accreditation.

d) [draft] ALA Core Competences of Librarianship (John Budd)

- Leslie Burger's task force in Spring of 2007: what outcomes should a generalist librarian have? Core competences came from a congress in 1999; the task force is revisiting these core competences in terms of institutional outcomes. They have redrafted the competences and solicited comments. One issue is accessibility.
- There is one more month in the public comment period. **COE members should review the *ALA Core Competences of Librarianship* document and send their comments to Kenley by July 15th; Kenley will compile them, send to COE for review, and submit to the task force by July 31st.**
- The task force objective is to submit a final revision to the ALA Executive Board by their fall meeting this year. The hope is that Council will be able to vote on it at Midwinter.
- The task force is also examining potential revisions for standards of accreditation to correspond to the new outcomes, as an addendum. These will be passed on to COA.

VI. New business

a) Conference Scheduling

- There is a proposal to cut one day off of Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences. No-conflict times may shift.
- The current COE time and Education Assembly time are very good for attendance historically, so we will keep them the same for now.

b) Library Education and our Role

- Largely covered during the meeting.
- Continuing education mission in COE. ALA has been investigating the possibility of offering CE units over the last 5 to 6 years.

c) Agenda items for Education Assembly

- ALA Core Competences of Librarianship
- LSS Core Competencies

VII. Announcements and Adjournment