Present: Daniel O’Connor (Chair), Denise Davis (staff liaison), Colleen Cook, Shawn Calhoun (for Leslie Manning), Wanda Dole (incoming Chair), Steve Hiller (incoming member), Curtis Kendrick, Rochelle Logan (incoming member), Scott Nicholson, Bernie Seiler, Larry White.

Guests: Mary Chute (IMLS), Michael Golrick (Councilor), Neal Kaske (NCLIS), Dorothy Ragsdale (ALA Human Resources), Rick Weingarten (ALA Washington Office).

Meeting Management:

1. Approval of minutes from Midwinter 2005 (San Antonio, TX) – held until Midwinter meeting 2007 (Seattle).
2. Approval of agenda for Annual Meeting (New Orleans)
3. Michael Golrick, ALA Executive Board Liaison
   Mario Gonzalez will be the Executive Board Liaison to CORS; the dues increase passed and will take four years to fully benefit the Association for Ahead to 2010 goal areas, technology, advocacy and the ALA website. The Campaign for America’s Libraries is requesting feedback (request sent to CORS members via email prior to the meeting). Attendance in New Orleans is estimated at 16,000. Michael’s term is ending and he thanked CORS for involving him in its activities.

Continuing Business:

4. Report of chair (O’Connor)
   Gorman initiative on Library Education update [http://mg.csufresno.edu/ ]. This work may continue through the Committee on Education or ALISE. Leslie Burger has a separate agenda, or which Gorman’s efforts may be a part.

   CORS program – feedback on success, etc.
   *Research That Helps You Count: The Current Research in Using Data for Meaningful Changes.* Moving the program to Sunday morning helped with attendance (approximately 90 attendees). Speaker’s presentations were well received, and overall the program was a success.

5. IMLS update (Mary Chute)
   Mary Chute updated the committee on the consolidation of NCES surveys (public and state library), and NCLIS staff into IMLS per a recommendation from the President. An implementation plan has been developed and will be available for comment through the Federal Register in early July. The comment period will be 30 days. The expectation is
to move the surveys “as is,” then consider improvements to processes, questionnaires, etc as the program matures at IMLS. Rebecca Danvers is the point person for this transition.

6. Assistant Associate Director for Communications and Member Services (Gerald Hodges’ positions) (Dorothy Ragsdale)
The position title was changed, but the responsibilities remain unchanged. A search is underway and four of twelve finalists were interviewed. The search will be extended to ensure the best person is hired for the position, and allow Keith Fiels the opportunity to spend more time with each candidate. It is hoped the position will be filled before the end of 2006. The C&MS team will remain self-managed until the position is filled.

7. LIS tuition study for ALA Council (White)
Handouts of the summary tables were distributed. Dr. White is the contact person should Council have any questions, and has offered to keep the table updated. A question about fees was raised, and that information was not included in the table. The accompanying map demonstrates the financial burden as there are so many states with LIS programs. Adding fee data would improve the report and the map.

A handout was provided in advance of the meeting. An additional project regarding a graduated dues structure study plan (dues linked to member salaries) was requested by Council of BARC and the Membership Committee. This is an additional project for ORS and is not listed on the handout.
The Public Programs brochure was distributed as that office is actively soliciting funding to replicate the original assessment. ORS staff will keep CORS informed as that project moves forward.
The FY08 budget for CORS included an increase to cover equipment charges for Conference programs.

9. CORS – Strategize CORS support for ALA-ORS (O’Connor lead)
O’Connor suggested a task force to investigate how CORS might advise ORS on projects and strategies. The Committee requested time to review the charge of CORS and discuss via email.

10. IFLA Report (Cook)
IFLA is meeting in Seoul, Korea and a report will be made at the Midwinter meeting in Seattle (2007).

11. Public Awareness Committee Advocacy Coordinating Group (O’Connor for Ladner)
A replacement is needed for this committee. This will be decided via email, as no one volunteered at the meeting.

12. NISO Report (Kendricks)
Action: Rochelle Logan was appointed the new rep to NISO Z39.7 Committee. Davis informed the group that meetings will happen virtually, with in-person meetings as necessary at Midwinter and Annual ALA.

13. 2007 ALA program discussion (Nicholson, O’Connor)
Review subcommittee plan and determine … “The Committee agreed not to do a pre-conference program, rather have a 2-hour program on the same topic instead. The program will be Annual 2007 (Washington, DC).” “Re-using Your Data – What Can I Do with It Now?” Purpose: To provide an informal, engaging learning experience so that participants will recognize the importance of conducting and reporting action research, increase their awareness of research methods (quantitative, qualitative, and mixed designs), understand the process that moves specific data collection and analysis through the process of generalizations. This is still on the back burner for the committee, although Gorman has already worked on it. Scott Nicholson suggested putting out a call for presentations to the library community regarding ways that researchers help the library and vice versa; using the data and making decisions. The committee agreed to presentations from four libraries and four researchers. Clarification on the use for a researcher, have a model and no data.

New Business:

14. NCLIS update (Kaske) – handout provided
Kaske emphasized the need to get applicants for the Mary Jo Lynch Award, of which CORS is a co-supporter. The deadline for student papers for 2006 has passed without any applications. The deadlines are September 2007 and September 2008.

15. Program at ALA Annual 2007
It was decided not to host a program in 2007, giving the committee more time to organize a working group to deal specifically with programs (Dole will lead this as incoming chair).

16. Impact factors of library statistics task group (O’Connor)
Rick Weingarten (ALA Washington Office, OITP) was invited to brainstorm with the group the need to move ahead with indicators for the profession. Akin to science indicators developed by NSF, such indicators are applicable to the political community (help with advocacy), and are presented to decision makers. These indicators present an “immediate, sharp image of what is going on” in the field. Discussion focused on what data are needed to meet this goal, and what data might be needed in the future. A task group will be formed (via email solicitation) to continue work on this. O’Connor would like to stay involved, and Weingarten expressed interest in participating in the dialog.

RASA will meet immediately following the CORS meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.