American Library Association
Committee on Research and Statistics (CORS)
2007 Annual Conference
Washington, DC
Agenda

Sunday, June 24, 2007 from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Washington Convention Center, Room 143-C

This agenda is continuous and is subject to reordering

Meeting Management:

1. Introductions

Committee Members present – Wanda Dole, Sharyn Ladner, Rochelle Logan, Keith Curry Lance, Colleen Cook, Stephen Wiberly, Kit Keller, Jan Sung, Bernie Seiler, Steve Hiller

Guests present – Barbara Holton, Nicole Steffen, Martha Crawley, Larra Clark, Cathleen Bourdon, Mario Gonzalez, Will Wheeler, Dan O’Connor, Wendy Begay

2. Approval of minutes from Midwinter Meeting 2007 (Seattle, WA)

Sharyn and Bernie and Rochelle

3. Approval of agenda for Annual Conference (DC)

Sharyn and Bernie

4. Mario Gonzalez, ALA Executive Board Liaison, Update

Office of Advocacy, One position moving and one will be added – to support advocacy issues. One of 2010 plans.

New website ILoveLibraries.org – up and running. News about the profession and other information related to librarianship.

• A new Half time lobbyist for the Washington Office
• A new full time librarian at the ALA library
Emerging Leaders will be continuing – 2008 January 60 from units/divisions and 60 from outside sources

Continuing Business:

5. Report of chair (Dole)

Charge of the committee – no change
- Guidance for ORS on research priorities – ORS will continue to solicit input from the Committee

Publication committee
RASA – Research and Statistics Assembly
- Questions about getting the word out
- Issues with attendance – are divisional research committees functional – to be discussed on CORS list


LNCC
Gates Foundation
Linguistically Isolated report out in Fall 2007

7. Monographic report series (Dole)
- ALA Office for Research & Statistics lead, CORS needs to form a planning subcommittee/task group to develop a publishing agenda and planning process. Report to CORS at its 2008 Midwinter Meeting.
  a. Talked about background of
  b. Rebecca Watson Boone – first title to be published - A Good Match: Library Career Opportunities for Graduates of Liberal Arts Colleges
  c. Development of a planning document to form – Publishing Committee
  d. Interested parties can talk to Denise

8. IFLA Report (Cook) – South Africa
- IFLA Conference
  a. Sponsoring two programs
    1. Developing a new assessment model...(South Africa) – 4 speakers
    2. Is the South Africa model extensible
    3. Special libraries need special assessments
b. Roswitha Poole a speaker at Conference
- Northumbria Conference
  a. Performance measures

Working on a special set of metrics

  - Meeting on Monday, June 25, 2007, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Washington Convention Center, Room 140-B. Sharyn Ladner attending and will report back to the committee via the committee listserv.

10. NISO Report (Logan and Davis)
  - Update on shift from maintenance agency to standing committee

    ALA is stepping down
    Website moving to NISO
    Chair, Diane Carty
    Updates to site – public call for participation
    NISO will launch approval process
      CORS under Business and Information
    NISO pulling back control for the maintenance of standards
    Challenge – still waiting on the decision
    Diane will chair a new standard on performance measures
    Volunteer needed – Midwinter and Annual

11. 2008 ALA program discussion (Dole, Cook, Hiller, Logan)
  - Working group update to committee (handout)
  - Complete program form

    Looked at programs being offered so not to duplicate
    Talked about qualitative methodology concepts and techniques
      Their space not ours: Using qualitative methods to make our libraries people places – this will be the program
      Bring in someone from the state level (COSLA) to talk about

    The new frontier: Space planning in library 2.0

    - LAMA – possibly a source for names of people that can speak
    - Looking at a variety of qualitative views
    - Ethnographic research
- Concept of doing this as a series – exposure of types of qualitative research
  - Observation, focus groups, ethnographic, buildings, etc.

12. Recommendation to IMLS National Leadership Grant, Research & Demonstration Category (Dole, Davis)
- Draft text for discussion and review
  a. ORS to send letter to get changes made to guidelines – in next week or two – **ACTION ITEM**

**New Business:**

13. IMLS update (Crawley, Chute)
- Posted Laura Bush grant
- 58 applications – research & demonstration
  - 200 applications for National leadership grant
  - Funding requested during transition process
- Partnership with NEH
- Partnership with NEA
- Collaborative planning
- 3.5 million needed for Libraries and Statistic Program Labor HSS
- 2 program officers needed – Laura Bush Program and Martha Crawley’s position

- National Center for Education Statistics – research support opportunities through the NCES - 2:30-3:00pm presentation time
- Site layout – index
- Talked about the new website layout extensively
- Gave out email address – barbara.holton@ed.gov

**Documents emailed with the agenda prior to the meeting:**

1. Minutes from Midwinter Meeting 2007, Seattle, WA
2. ORS update
3. 2008 Program recommendation
4. Recommendation to IMLS regarding its NLG Research & Demonstration category

**Handout at meeting:**

5. NCES research support opportunities (Holton)
NOTE: The Research and Statistics Assembly (RASA) will not meet to allow CORS and RASA members to attend the joint program immediately following the CORS meeting.

Program Reminder

Sunday, June 24, 2007    4-5:30pm WCC 103-B

Program: Diversity Counts✓

Introductions: Wanda Dole, Chair ALA Committee on Research & Statistics

Speakers: Denise M. Davis, Director ALA Office for Research and Statistics, and Trevor Dawes, Chair ALA Committee on Diversity