Meeting One: Monday, July 17, 2002, 9:30 – 11:30 A.M., Marriott Marquis, State Room

Presiding: Wanda Dole, Chair

Members: Wanda Dole, Chair         Doralyn H. Rossmann
         June Berry                     Stephen Wiberley
         Joseph J. Mika                  Lisa Zhao
         Tina Neville                   Maria Carpenter – Intern

Visitors: Barbara G. Smith (IMLS)

Staff: Mary Jo Lynch, Director, Office for Research and Statistics
       Kathy Bork, Administrative Assistant, Office for Research and Statistics

Meeting called to order at 9:40 A.M.

1. Introductions

2. The minutes from the Midwinter Meetings were approved as submitted.

3. The agenda for the meeting was approved.

4. Wanda expressed thanks to members
   a. Berry, McClure, and Sywetz, who are leaving.
   b. Edwards, Hisle, Mika, Neville, Peters, Wiberley, Zhao, who will be
      continuing as members and Hudson-Carpenter who continues as an intern.
   c. O’Connor, Dallas, Koontz, Jefferson, who will be new members, and
      Maharam, who was an intern and will be a member.

5. Report of Staff Liaison
   a. As a follow-up to CORS discussion at Midwinter, Mary Jo sent a letter to
      Bob Martin with suggestions for improving the guidelines for National
      Leadership Grants. She also sent an e-mail pointing out flaws in the
      recently released IMLS Survey on Technology and Digitalization.
      Barbara Smith also felt the survey was inadequate, but noted that it did
      provide useful information to IMLS.
   b. ORS was involved in two studies whose results were released for National
      Library Week 2002.
1) The firm advising ALA on the “@your library” campaign conducted a public opinion survey in March. It included questions about the message of the campaign, plus questions used in the 1998 Gallup survey.

2) PIO and ORS contracted with the University of Illinois Library Research Center to study library use since the start of the recession (March 2001). Circulation data from 18 large public libraries demonstrated that library use goes up in hard times. Full reports on both studies are on the website. Links are at the end of the following press release: http://www.ala.org/news/v8n5/studies.html.

c. Recruitment issues. The 2002 ALA Salary Survey will ask respondents for the number of positions open six months or more. Results will be available in September 2002. Also, in order to determine the capacity of LIS schools to meet demand, ORS will work with HRDR and the Accreditation Office on a survey of LIS deans/directors to be conducted in July 2002.

d. Member demographics. ORS is working with the Membership Committee to develop questions on member demographics for addition to the membership application and renewal forms.

e. NCES Library Statistics Update. Memo was distributed.

6. ALA Research Grant 2003
   a. The previous day Wanda and Mary Jo attended a program showcasing the winners of the 2001 grant, which they summarized for the committee.
   b. The grant is still in the 2003 budget, so there are plans to update and reactivate the website and to send out press releases.
   c. The committee agreed to request proposals addressing the same two questions as were used for the 2001 grant process.

7. Request from ALA Executive Board re COPE2.
   The group discussed Wanda Dole’s draft response on matters for which a response was requested by Midwinter 2003. CORS member Joe Mika had been a participant in COPE2 and was able to clarify several aspects of the COPE2 report. Because of a problem in sending documents to CORS electronically, the group did not have copies of Wanda’s memo. However, the four points of the memo were read and discussed. The group agreed that #2 should be changed so that it addressed the questions of how to find out what librarians spend on continuing education from their own funds in addition to what is spent on their behalf by employers. It was suggested that one way to capture the information would be to ask ALA units and other library association to incorporate a question in the conference evaluation forms that asked something like this: Please consider all costs of this event (e.g., registration, travel, hotel, meals) and provide an estimate of the total amount. Then indicate the dollar amount provided by each of three sources:

         - Your employer
- Your personal resources
- Other (e.g. grants)

Regarding point four in Wanda’s draft, the group agreed that the proposed study was not a good idea and made suggestions for enhancing Wanda’s draft on this point.

The group also spent a few minutes discussing the two matters for which the Executive Board requested a report at the 2003 Annual Conference. Regarding the first matter, someone remembered that CORS had compiled a list of what various units do to identify needed research and to publish results. That document needs to be reviewed and revised. Regarding the second matter, it was suggested that CORS propose an electronic think tank. This would enable fuller participation and keep costs low.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 A.M.