Sunday, June 24, 2012 from 1:30-3:30 pm, Disneyland Paradise Pier Hotel, Santa Monica Room

Members in attendance: Bella Gerlich, Ronald Peterson, Rebecca Teasdale, Joan Agamanu, Keith Lance, Kim Miller, Cathleen Bourdon, Wanda Dole, Kit Keller, Linda Hofshire, Joan Giesecke, Kathy Rosa, Anne, Courtney Young (ALA Liaison), Cindy Sheckells via telephone from the U.S. Census

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from Midwinter Meeting 2012 (Dallas, TX)
3. Approval of agenda for Annual Conference
4. Courtney Young, ALA Executive Board Liaison Report

5. Report of chair (Giesecke)
   a. Follow-up from Midwinter on the establishment of the YALSA Research Agenda
      ACRL is in the process of making a research agenda, but no other group has published one. Thought beyond what they usually do, looked at new metrics to develop. Full document on their website (http://www.al.org/yalsa/sites/al.org.yalsa/files/content/guidelines/research/researchagenda12-16.pdf)
   b. Announcement of incoming CORS chair – Anne Houston

6. 2012 CORS program
   The session, “Seeing is Believing: Understanding Data Visualization for Library Research,” was cancelled - speaker Ray Lyons has taken ill and cannot come to deliver the session. He invited the group to present it without him, but Anne/ Sandra/ Norman decided a better course of action was delivering seminar as a webinar in the late summer/ fall. It will be an overview of best practices in the graphical presentation of quantitative information, emphasizing the need for clarity, fairness, and efficiency.

   - Kathy Rosa - Sara Fuchs is working on digital content, transforming libraries.
   - The Public Library & Technology Access Study was released with an infographic and is available. The infographic will be available in portions soon.
   - Research Series – no appropriate submissions in the last round.

8. Education Assembly report / NISO Report - no report

9. IFLA Report
   Statistics and Evaluation Section, information: http://www.ifla.org/en/statistics-and-evaluation. The next meeting is in August, so no news. pre conference in Turku (Finland) Wanda is one of the readers

New Business

10. 2013 CORS program
**Suggestion:** bringing in the Webbmedia Group to present on key performance indicators. Anne noted that the Value of Academic Libraries is also about new metrics, and that could be a theme. Linda Hofshire and Bella Karr Gerlich both expressed interest in helping with the program.

**Notes:**
- Check if there are restrictions on having Webbmedia present at Annual Conference.
- Webbmedia used Chicago Public Library’s name without CPL’s permission while demoing their research; such mentions have to be removed for an ALA presentation.

11. **CORS member round robin**
- The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) is working to decrease the size of their surveys. Also, on their salary survey, will be asking for working titles to find out how jobs are being described.
- October 29-31st – the Library Assessment Conference in Charlottesville, VA, hosted in part by the University of Virginia.
- School Libraries Task Force – a resolution on school libraries/school librarians’ importance was passed unanimously by ALA Council.
- 4th International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries will be in Rome, Italy

12. **Agency updates:**
   a. **IMLS**
   - New statistician, Justin Grimes, coming from the University of Maryland. Will help IMLS work on creating library fast response surveys to get low-burden issue-oriented data quickly. Would be 3 pgs of questions, sample sizes around 1000-1500 for quick turnaround.
   - Most current Public Libraries Survey (PLS) data from FY 2010 will be released by end of July; report released late August, early September.
   - 10 minor changes in items collected in the PLS, no data elements added; zip+4, web address deleted.
   - State Data Coordinator meeting will occur in December outside of DC, budget permitting.
   b. **NCES/Census** *(Census Bureau representative Cindy Sheckells reporting for Tai Phan)*
   - Academic Library Survey collection opening on November 6th, closing on Feb 26th.
   - NCES reorganization finished by the end of September. This will be Tai Phan’s final survey as the point of contact for the ALS, but he will be working with the IPEDS department. Jessica Shedd will be the new point of contact.

**New Business:** “Changes ahead for the Academic Library Survey (ALS).”
ALA Consultant Kit Keller has been facilitating the work of the ALS Advisory Committee and will update CORS on the plans to reintegrate the ALS into IPEDS, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.
- This fall’s collection will be the final Census-based survey. The survey has gone through the IPEDS Technical Review Panel, and the remaining questions that will be in the survey are ones the TRB was comfortable with.
- ORS will be the contact point for revisions/changes. But, the process to change is lengthy, and no consideration until at least 2014 data collection. A TRB would be convened to make recommendations.
- Screen shots of the new questions will be viewable for respondents but not live in 2013.
- The Academic Library Survey Advisory Committee no longer has a role in shaping the survey. Suggestion: Library representatives should contact libraries who responded to ALS and let them know of the changes, and to contact the Keyholder on their campus so that person knows who is the point of contact for library-related IPEDS questions.

- The charge of CORS is broad enough that it can serve as an advisory committee to Academic Library Survey. Gives the committee a stronger voice. A TRB would then be able to reach out to the group.

**Executive Session**
The committee will meet in Executive Session to discuss nominations for appointment of the ALA liaison to the IFLA Statistics and Evaluation Section.