American Library Association  
Committee on Research and Statistics (CORS)  
2011 Midwinter Meeting  
San Diego, CA  
Minutes

Sunday, January 9, 2011, 1:30-3:30 p.m., San Diego Convention Center, Room 19

Members in attendance: Sandra Hughes-Hassell (chair), Cathleen Bourdon (staff liaison), Wanda Dole (IFLA representative), Jeanne Boyle, Michelle Hudson, Anne Houston, John Bertot, Keith Curry Lance, Glenn Holt, Rebecca Teasdale, Sunny Kim

Guests: Cindy Sheckells, Jamie Hug, and Laura Hardesty from the U.S. Census

Meeting Management

Approval of minutes from Annual 2010 (Washington, DC) – approved
Approval of agenda for Midwinter Meeting (San Diego, CA) – approved

Continuing Business

1. Report of chair (Hughes-Hassell)
   a. ALA Connect: members need to set their preferences to receive emails.
   b. “Resolution on Institutional Review Boards and Intellectual Freedom.” This Council resolution, originally presented at the 2010 Annual Conference, has been revised but may not be resubmitted to Council at this meeting. CORS had reviewed the original resolution and recommended that it not be endorsed.
   c. Advocacy Coordinating Group: Sandra was unable to attend their meeting due to time conflict.

2. 2011 Annual Conference (New Orleans, LA) “Maybe it has already been done: Locating existing data for planning, assessment and advocacy.” Monday, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Mary Stansbury was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a program update. The program is designed to let people know about various sources of data and where they might find it. It is planned for the beginning practitioner.

3. 2012 Annual Conference (Anaheim, CA) Jeanne Boyle, Sunny Kim, Keith Curry Lance, Sandra Hughes-Hassell, and Anne Houston are the planning group. They will build on the 2011 program, focusing on how to use the data, and possibly visualization of data.
   a. Potential presenters and products/tools suggested include Joanna Sim, a professor who teaches visualizations; BiblioStatConnect, Counting Opinions, and the LJ Index of Public Libraries.
   b. Since the 2011 program is aimed at the beginning practitioner, the 2012 program should be aimed at the intermediate practitioner.

4. Report of staff liaison (Bourdon)
   a. The search for the new ORS director opens at the end of January and the goal is to have the new director in place for the Annual Conference.
   b. Advisory Committee to ALS. Survey at 25% response rate. There were questions about e-subscriptions definition, Full-Time Equivalent questions. The new compare tool
coming out from NCES with friendlier navigation, in April/ May with new data. Report is scheduled for release in December.

c. The draft FY2012 budget for CORS was presented and approved.

d. ORS is planning to submit a National Leadership Grant proposal on impact assessment. Wanda Dole and Glen Holt volunteered to serve on the Working Group. (Note: Following the meeting, Sunny Kim also volunteered to serve on the Working Group.)

5. ALA Education Assembly: Jeanne Boyle attended the meeting and the following topics were discussed: closing of LSU library school; National Council for Teacher Education is merging with TEAC, to become CAPE (Council for the Accreditation of Principal Education); Library Education Discussion Group will bring together faculty; ALA applying to be able to give out Continuing Education Units to librarians.


7. NISO Report: Keith Curry Lance reported that the statistics standard and e-metrics groups have re-integrated into one group.

New Business

8. Agency updates: Cindy Sheckells reported for Carlos Manjarrez and Tai Phan.
   a. IMLS: The committee reviewed the written report submitted by IMLS. The FY2009 State Library Agency Survey report will be released in January 2011. A research brief on the “Fiscal Conditions of State Library Agencies” will be released in February.
   b. NCES: The new NCES commissioner Jack Buckley has been appointed through 2015.

9. CORS member round robin: Glenn Holt suggested that CORS pass along data collection concerns to IMLS. Others agreed that it would be fine but this has not been done before.

New Business – Research in more depth


Meeting adjourned: 3:10 p.m.