Committee on Research and Statistics (CORS) Minutes
2012 Midwinter Conference, Dallas, TX
Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 1:30-3:30 pm, Dallas Convention Center A134

Attendees: Joan Giesecke (chair), Wanda V. Dole, Sandra Hughes-Hassell, Don Latham, Ronald Peterson, Anne Houston, Bella Karr Gerlich, Larry Nash White, Ann Dutton Ewbank, Tai Phan, Laura Hardesty, Cindy Sheckells, Jamie Hug, Courtney L. Young (ALA Council Liaison), Cathleen Bourdon (ALA Staff Liaison), R. Norman Rose (ALA Staff Liaison)

2011 Annual Minutes: The minutes were approved.

2012 CORS Annual Conference Program (Anaheim): Program committee members reported on the progress of the 2012 program/workshop, which will be on effective data visualization practices. The presenter will be Ray Lyons, who consults on the topic and runs a blog, libperformance.com. The program is scheduled for 10:30 am, Monday, June 25th.

Future of CORS Programming/2013 Annual program (Chicago): The group discussed whether to have future programs. Next step in the series may be a program on how to implement data to solve a problem – evidence-based management – which should attract a broad audience. The decision on having a program needs to be made by the end of the 2012 Annual Conference; the details are due at Midwinter 2013. The committee will continue the discussion on ALA Connect in the spring.

ALA Board liaison report – Courtney Young:
- E-content and digital content. 25-member digital content in libraries working group has been appointed. A special supplemental May/June American Libraries will cover the topic.
- An ALA delegation has met separately with the Association of American Publishers, and a number of large publishing houses to open a dialogue on e-book issues. Also coming, a white paper on e-book economic models and publishing.
- Membership at 59,824, 2.7% decrease.
- June 5th - virtual membership meeting
- ALA has acquired Neal Shuman publishing. It will exist as a separate imprint of ALA Editions, and will be moved to Chicago.

ALA Office for Research and Statistics Update:
- Coming close to the conclusion of the search for the ALA Office for Research and Statistics Director position.
- Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study: ORS is pursuing other funding via a National Leadership Grant.
- ALA Research Series: committee will meet via conference call after Midwinter.
- ALS First Look published.
Education assembly:
- Education committee and the educational learning task force discussed merger of National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) to form the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). NCATE put out new standards in 2010; merger means new standards to come, with impact on school media programs.
- ALA is certified to offer Continuing Education Units from 2011-2016. Will focus on creating learning outcomes and objectives.
- A discussion at the end of the ALISE conference: Is ALISE looking at dissolving and joining ASIST? Discussion about moving ALISE away from Midwinter, to coincide with ASIST.
- Results from a recent diversity study sent to library school deans and directors of ALA Accredited library schools will not be released due to some methodological issues and low participation. The study was not vetted by ORS.

IFLA report:
- Submitted by Wanda Dole
- IFLA’s program committee is sifting through 47 pre-conference proposals.

NISO Report:
- 2 recommendations for changes forwarded through Connect, no opposition.
- 6 more recommendations for changes to NISO standards; descriptions sent via ALA Connect for comments from the group. Closing dates start Feb. 24th.

NCES Report:
- The 2010 data file has been released.
- ALS Advisory Committee met in Dallas and discussed some concerns about moving the survey to IPEDS. The 2012 ALS will still be conducted by NCES and the Census Bureau but the proposal under consideration is to move ALS questions into IPEDS beginning in 2013. Our project director at NCES, Tai Phan, indicated that he will be moving to other projects after 2012, even if ALS retains current structure.

CORS Member Round robin: [No comments via Round Robin.]

New Business – Research in more depth
Don Latham presented a report on YALSA’s National research Agenda on Libraries, Teens, & Young Adults 2012-2016, available online: http://www.ala.org/yalsa/guidelines/research/researchagenda