Bill Nelson, Chair of the CLS Standards Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as distributed.

The committee members introduced themselves and the committee membership roster circulated for corrections.

Bill Nelson reported on events at the CLS Executive Board Meeting and the ACRL Standards and Accreditation Committee meeting that impact several items on today’s agenda.

1. Since he was the last person to report to the CLS Executive Board, Bill did not have time to get much feedback on the proposal for a CLS Standards workshop. The CLS Continuing Education Committee however is very interested and expressed their willingness to be involved. Mickey Zemon, Chair of CLS, also expressed her enthusiasm.

2. The ACRL Standards and Accreditation Committee tabled the discussion of their charge. Until they resolve their charge and the issue of accreditation within that charge, we cannot move forward on a possible name change. The question outstanding is "Who is responsible for dealing with accreditation issues within ACRL?" particularly as they relate to college libraries.

3. The Online Tutorial (on the CLS Standards) planned by the Continuing Education Committee has been put on hold temporarily, until we see what happens with the CLS Standards workshop.

The Committee turned its attention to the proposal for a workshop or training session at the ALA Midwinter Conference on the CLS Standards. Bill Nelson provided some background:

The College Libraries Section is ahead of the other sections in finalizing their standards. Bill Nelson and Bob Fernekes have been doing many workshops on the standards, which have been
very well received. ACRL is publishing the workbook that they developed as part of these workshops, which should be available by the Midwinter Conference.

The issue is how these types of workshops can be made more widely available. ACRL Chapters Council can not offer much financial support to the ACRL chapters, only $150 for materials.

The committee discussed various ways of offering training on the CLS Standards.

1. Bill Nelson and Bob Fernekes could do a pre-conference workshop at Midwinter. It would need to be off-site since ALA does not allow conference sponsored pre-conferences.
2. The committee could sponsor a Train-the-Trainers type workshop.
3. People could be offered the option of attending a pre-conference workshop and then also attending a Train-the Trainers workshop.

Bob Fernekes explained the content of the workshops previously done by Nelson and himself.

Liz Chabot suggested that we might run a discussion group similar in format to what was done by the Measurement, Assessment and Evaluation Section of LAMA. She offered to coordinate such a discussion group on the Standards for College Libraries at Midwinter.

A motion was offered by Rhonna Goodman and seconded by Bob Fernekes:

It is moved that the day before ALA Midwinter 2002, the committee hold a Train-the-Trainers workshop on the Standards for College Libraries and coordinate a discussion group at ALA Midwinter 2002 to discuss the Standards. In addition, a Pre-conference on Understanding and Utilizing the Standards for College Libraries should be planned for the ALA Annual 2002 Conference in Atlanta.

Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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