ACRL/CLS Research for College Librarianship Committee  
Mid-Winter Meeting, New Orleans  
January 20, 2002, 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members present: Christopher Millson-Martula, chairperson; Alice Bahr; Anne Ciliberti; Richard Hart; Kate Hickey; Eric Kidwell; Kathleen Murphy; Ravil Veli. Guest: David Wright.

Millson-Martula called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guest. Introductions followed. Hickey agreed to keep the minutes.

Millson-Martula reviewed the Committee Purpose, as listed in the agenda.

Committee Activities were reviewed briefly for the benefit of new members:

1. InPrint – ACRL's first electronic publication is an online listing of journal and publishing information for academic librarians and is an outgrowth of an earlier, popular print publication, edited by Lynn Livingston and compiled by Alice Bahr and Michael McLane.
2. Mid-Winter Panel Discussion -- a program on publishing, presentation, and research traditionally held at those mid-winter meetings immediately preceding the ACRL Conferences.
3. ACRL Conference Roundtable Discussion -- a traditional event held at each ACRL conference.
4. Tracking participation in ACRL conferences – it was noted that submission form for Conference programming now includes a section to indicate the type of library of the author/sponsor.

Committee Motion Sent to ACRL Board

Bahr led discussion of a previous committee motion sent to the ACRL Board, dealing with standardization of selection procedures and responsibilities for conference presentations. The Board apparently feels our committee's concerns were fully addressed by the inclusion of a method to track type-of-library participation. Discussion followed. The committee agreed that concerns were broader and included the need for clear selection criteria and for clarification of selection committee members' responsibilities. Committee voted to reword the resolution as follows:

The CLS Research for College Librarianship Committee requests that ACRL consider regularizing procedures for submission and acceptance of presentations for ACRL national conferences and articulate the specific responsibilities of review committee members.

Millson-Martula will take this resolution to the CLS Executive Board. Hickey will share our concerns with the ACRL Conference Steering Committee.

Cochran Proposal to Eliminate CLS Mid-Winter Meetings
Millson-Martula led discussion of the proposal by CLS Chair Scottie Cochran to consider eliminating mid-winter meetings of CLS committees and to conduct more business electronically. Our consensus was to support this proposal with reservations. We did not wish this to lead to longer or more frequent meetings at Annual, where conflicts abound. We also noted that many CLS committee members most likely would have to attend Mid-Winter anyway because of ACRL, LAMA, or ALA responsibilities. If the proposal is approved by the CLS Executive Committee, we suggest that new CLS committee members be strongly encouraged, if not required, to attend their committee's meeting at Annual the year they are appointed, even though they are not official members until Annual ends.

**Mid-Winter Panel Discussion**

The committee agreed to discontinue this project, which has been poorly attended in recent years. Bahr will consider developing an interactive presentation for the Charlotte conference, tentatively titled, “The Writer Within: Ask Alice.”

**InPrint**

Bahr reported the InPrint database is ready for transfer to ACRL but there have been numerous interfacing and communication problems. Spring Hill College continues to house the data, which SHOULD be transferred before ALA Annual. Stay tuned.

Veli, the current editor, reports he is somewhat behind schedule in preparing the next update but is moving forward. He and Ciliberti will meet after adjournment to develop a plan. Veli has decided not to appoint an “update editor” but instead will assign certain sections to committee members for review. He expects the update to be completed by early February.

Bahr noted that sales of the electronic version have been poor in spite of a very modest subscription cost. Millson-Martula will discuss marketing strategies with ACRL, including inclusion of the database in the ALA approval plan, and he will distribute notice of InPrint content and availability to other sections for inclusion in their newsletters.

**Tracking Participation in ACRL Conference**

Hickey agreed to serve as liaison with the ACRL review committees and gather the statistics of submissions and acceptances of poster sessions, roundtables, contributed papers, and panel discussions.

**Other Business**

Millson-Martula expressed concern that our committee had not been directly contacted by Larry Hardesty, ACRL Conference Chair, to submit a proposal or help with guidelines for the conference. Millson-Martula also noted that a research fund will be established to support academic librarians and that the ACRL Research Committee alone has been asked to develop criteria. Discussion followed as how best we can participate in these efforts. Millson-Martula will offer our committee's support directly to Hardesty, to Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Executive Director, and to the ACRL Research Committee chair. The meeting was adjourned.