CLS Research for College Librarianship Committee Minutes
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Present: Inga Barnello (chair), Damon Hickey (recorder), Marilyn Martin, Bill Nelson

1. The minutes of the virtual meeting of 12/2/02 were approved without change.
2. Participation of college librarians in ACRL Charlotte: Poster sessions and Round Tables were not yet available for Kate Hickey’s report. Inga noted that we need one of the new members of this committee to work on this tracking of college librarians’ participation and statistics, as Kate is going off the committee. There was a question about how a librarian identifies him/herself as to type of library when making a proposal: by the library where he/she works or by section membership? For the Charlotte ACRL, presenters were not asked to list section memberships (which could be multiple), but rather program tracks and current position. Therefore, some CLS members may be counted as university (or other sorts of) librarians, not as college librarians. Bill Nelson volunteered to work with Inga on finding a way that librarians who are not in college libraries can still identify themselves as college librarians. Also, Inga will follow up with M. J. Petrowski at ACRL about the issue of the form for conference proposals that needs to include a means for a librarian to be identified as a “college” librarian.

3. Participation by college librarians in presenting appears to have increased over the Denver ACRL, but could improve some more. The committee is establishing a mentoring program for anyone who wants to bounce an idea for a program off someone who has been successful; Inga will announce the program on Collib-L. It will not be limited to CLS members. (Something similar was tried in ACRL several years ago.) Inga will work with a committee member in creating categories for a database of mentors, including their areas of interest, what programs they have done, and what their current interests are. People who have served on program selection committees can also be helpful mentors. It was noted that we need more proposals that will appeal to technical services people, but that they should not be of interest only to them (any program should have broad enough appeal to draw substantial audiences at conferences where program selection is highly competitive). Inga will contact John Jaffe regarding possible CLS Leadership Committee involvement in the mentoring program. The "Get Me to the Press on Time" ACRL program for Toronto was cancelled. It is not known whether it will be offered again at the San Diego Midwinter.

4. InPrint was not updated in January due to illness; a major update planned for June-July, then to be put into paper format.

5. The ACRL Research Committee is not meeting in Toronto. Inga will talk with its chair over the summer. It is expecting an additional responsibility from ACRL regarding the top issues facing academic libraries. Bill will liaise this committee.

6. Next meetings: Midwinter in San Diego in January. Our virtual meeting should be before Thanksgiving: November 18 (Tuesday) if possible (November 20 backup date, probably 9:30-11:00 EST). AOL Instant Messenger worked fine last Midwinter and will be used again. Since the dialog is captured, it can be posted and others who are unable to attend synchronously invited to add comments asynchronously via electronic mail (in the next 48 hours). ALA Orlando: Damon & Bill will be at the Saturday CLS Executive Committee
meeting in Orlando and will report for the committee, since Inga has a conflict. Inga will be at the Monday CLS research committee meeting in Orlando.

Damon Hickey, recorder