Present: Bill Nelson, Chair; Kelly Jacobsma, Lis Chabot, John Pollitz, Jules Tate, Bob Fernekes

Bill Nelson, Chair, Called the meeting to Order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved via email.

The committee briefly reviewed its charge.

Bill reported that 58 people participated in the half-day preconference workshop at ACRL in Charlotte. In order to hold down costs and make the Standards Workshop accessible to smaller libraries, the committee will pursue the regional conference approach. Possible sponsors includes ACRL chapters and regional library associations.

The committee continued its discussion of a panel program for ALA Orlando that would feature libraries who have implemented the new standards. This program would be in addition to the CLS President’s Program. Lis volunteered to contact ACRL about the viability of an additional program. As an alternative to a second program, the committee also discussed scheduling a two-hour committee meeting in Orlando to hold a forum on the new Standards. The Standards would have been officially approved by the conference date. At the proposed forum, the Committee would entertain comments regarding user training, implementation of the Standards, and related resource needs, among other topics.

Some committee members see a need for official ACRL Guidelines for Academic Library Buildings for use by architects, engineers, and other space planners. A similar document is needed with benchmarks for appropriate ratios of computers to number of students, usage, and other criteria.

The committee also discussed additional methods for gathering feedback on the new standards, such as posting surveys to appropriate listservs.

Bill reported on the work of the College and Research Libraries Standards Task Force. A draft document has been prepared and is posted on the ACRL web page. The task force will hold a hearing in Toronto on the document.

The next committee meeting will take place in San Diego in early 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Lis Chabot

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