Committee Members Present: Bill Nelson (chair, pro tempore), Steve Bell, Rick Hart, Damon Hickey, Kathleen Murphy

Absent: Inga Barnello, Marilyn Martin, Robert Renaud, John Riddle, Ravil Veli

Guests: Blake Landor and Rob Lenholt

Introductions
Bill Nelson called the meeting to order and noted that at the request of Inga Barnello he would serve as chair for today’s meeting. He announced that Steve Bell is the incoming chair. Introductions were made, including Blake Landor (University of Florida) and Rob Lenholt (Stetson University), who are both incoming members.

Midwinter Minutes
Bill reviewed the minutes of the Midwinter virtual meeting of November 20, 2003, and for the benefit of new members he gave a brief history of the committee’s interest in tracking CLS librarians, and other college librarians, in achieving successful ACRL submissions – presentations, poster sessions, and round tables. He explained that this interest is tied directly to the committee’s interest in developing a mentoring program that will promote successful conference submissions as well as the publication of articles in general.

InPrint
Bill reviewed the history of InPrint, both print and electronic versions. It is time for the committee to produce a revised edition; however, it is not precisely clear what steps will best achieve that goal. Kathleen Murphy volunteered to serve as the editor.

In order to consider how best to work on a revision, Steve and Kathleen will consult with InPrint’s creator, Alice Bahr, and with ALA Publications Director, Hugh Thompson, and report their findings to the committee.

Project to Assist Librarians with Publication and Conference Program Submissions

This project (hereafter referred to as the “coaching program”) needs a name. (We have agreed that it will not be called a “mentoring” program.) Steve suggested “Your Research Consultant,” and encouraged committee members to think of alternatives and forward them to him, so that we can chose from several possible titles.

Various issues relative to the coaching program were discussed, including the creation of a set of guidelines, the need to set qualifications for the volunteer coaches, the need to distinguish between coaches for presentations and coaches for articles (or both), the need to determine the role of the coach, the need to determine a process to connect the coach and the
researcher. Rick Hart volunteered to take the lead on this project, and Rob Lenholt offered to assist. Steve recommends that we move this along, so that we are in position to announce it on Collib-L by September 1, and to get it off the ground this fall. That way we will be able to link prospective round table and poster session authors with a coach in time for the ACRL 2005 meeting. We will work to have the system fully operational by January 2005. Steve, Rick and Rob will get together to work on a specific strategy.

The possibility of holding a round table discussion at the 2005 ACRL in Minneapolis was discussed. This could take the form of 1) inviting coaches and prospective authors to discuss the coaching program, or 2) holding the type of roundtable that has been held in the past: providing advice for getting articles published by having experienced authors available to talk with would-be authors. This was not resolved but will be further discussed by Steve, Rick, and Bob as they consider rolling out the coaching program.

Midwinter Virtual Meeting
A date and time was set for the next virtual meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. A test will be conducted the week prior to the meeting, tentatively, November 10 at 11 a.m. Blackboard may serve as the communications medium; Steve will investigate the possible use of Illuminate, which allows for voice communications. Details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date of the meeting. Steve will initiate an agenda for the meeting.

New Business
Steve reported on the meeting of the ACRL Research Committee which he had attended on Saturday, June 26, during ALA. That committee will work on identifying the 5-10 most important issues facing academic librarians, by such methods as literature reviews and speaking with journal editors. Our committee should keep an eye on their progress and make use of their findings.

Respectfully submitted by Rick Hart, 6/30/04.