ALA /EBSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 27, 2010
Committee Name: Electronic Resources in Communication Studies (ERCS)
Name of person submitting minutes: Shevon Desai
Members Present: Tasha Cooper, Shevon Desai, Mary Feeney, Rosemary Franklin, Joyce Garczynski, Cathy Michael (Chair)
Members Excused: Jessica Alverson
Absent: Erica Carlson Nicol, Juliann Elizabeth Couture, and Julie Anne Petr
Guests: Van Houlson (Univ of MN), Toja Okoh (JSTOR)

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Cathy Michael, in the Dirksen room at the JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC.

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• Background: Toja is the person with responsibility for Communication Studies (CS), among many areas (including Health Communications); she originally reached out to
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- Toja also wants to know if international and non-English language journals would be of interest (survey answerers said no). Other things being considered are broadcast news, local historical news archives, and popular magazines.

- JSTOR’s content development team is 6 people, recently increased from 4.

- Springer is a good partner as they are willing to have multiple access points.

- JSTOR wants to work with us to fulfill our needs; therefore if can’t do traditional journals, they will consider adding non-journal content.
• Ithaka is now an umbrella organization. Part of their mission as a non-profit includes affordability, access, and preservation.

• Toja will see if she can share with us anonymously what our own institutions have replied in the survey; she will at least share numbers.

Setting priorities for committee
Cathy distributed the priorities planning handout and there was much discussion about our goals and priorities. We agreed that it would be preferable to focus on a small number of priorities, for the whole group to work on as opposed to subcommittees. She asked committee members about the technology being used (updating the wiki and using ALA Connect); although there is a learning curve, most people reported being comfortable with the technology.

It was pointed out that some previous members have updated parts of the guides on their own. There was a discussion about the need to check with EBSS about publishing new content (for example, the new “Health Communication” guide). Cathy noted our online publication was approved by the EBSS Publications Committee and it is therefore unnecessary to have to wait for approval for each new piece. Original creation dates are included on the items posted to the ACRL wiki.

Tasha would like to continue our vendor relations. This is mutually useful for our vendors and us. Some vendor’s business models are difficult to understand as they are unaccustomed to working with libraries (SRDS, for example). We could schedule these as open sessions, separate from our committee meeting, since there likely would be of widespread interest. Vendors and others with whom we have communicated in the past include ASCUS, the Media Research Hub, LOCKSS/CLOCKSS, JSTOR/Portico, etc. One idea is to have a discussion group or forum to which we invite vendors, possibly partnering with the ACRL Media Resources discussion group.

In discussing different types of vendors and materials, we were reminded that media directories would also be useful for JSTOR to include in a communication studies collection. Tasha will contact Toja Okoh about this idea.

Some of our priorities overlap with the Scholarly Communication committee; since Tasha is on that committee, she can convey our concerns about e-resource preservation and content development.

We agreed that our top priority should be maintaining the Library Resources in Communication Studies website since that is part of our committee’s charge. We will consider the news database evaluation criteria as included within this sphere, and will post what we have created to the website.

We will also continue to work with JSTOR, as we have an ongoing discussion. This is part of our second top priority, vendor communication.

V. Old Business
Our next conference call/virtual meeting will focus on a process for regularly updating the website. We could have 2-3 people who focus on one guide, every 1-2 months.

Members are encouraged to post reports on other useful and interesting ALA programs to COMLIB –L.

Mary Feeney will take a look at the ISI information requested by the AEJMC although she may not be able to get anything done before their August deadline. She will get in touch with the contact person and
inform us of developments. We agreed that it is important to take advantage of these outreach opportunities.

We reviewed and approved the new “Health Communications” guide created by Joyce with the one suggestion to add Scopus. Joyce will add it to the wiki. Thank you to Joyce for creating this new guide.

Joyce will also check into the possibility of using LibGuides; RUSA may have bought a license.

Shevon and Tasha will be in contact with members regarding our next conference call (via Dim Dim, Skype or a similar tool) that will be scheduled around October.

VI. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ACTION ITEMS
- Shevon and Tasha will arrange our next conference call, probably in October.
- Joyce will post the new health communication guide to the website/wiki
- Tasha will contact Toja Okoh with the suggestion to include media directories in JSTOR
- Mary Feeney will contact AEJMC
ALÆ/EBSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 2010

Committee name: EBSS Advisory Council

Name of person submitting minutes: Kate Silfen, Secretary

Members present: Sally Neal (Conference Program Planning), Bernadette Lear (Member-at-Large), Beth Broyles (Newsletter), Catherine Michael (Electronic Resources in Communication Studies), Cindy Judd (Curriculum Materials), Dana Peterman (Member-at-Large), Deborah Schaeffer (Past-Chair), Elisa Slater (Instruction for Educators), Gloria Colvin (Higher Education), Jessica Alverson (Communication Studies), Kate Zoellner (Instruction for Educators), Laura Mullen (Psychology & Scholarly Communications), Lesley Farmer (Eric Users), Mona Niedbala (Online Learning Research Committee), Pamela Were (Reference Sources & Services), Lori Mestre (Chair), Stephanie Davis-Kahl (Vice-Chair), Wendy Mann (Reference Sources & Services), Kate Silfen (Secretary), Judy Walker (Nominating Committee, Listserv Moderator), Barbaraella Frazier (publications).

1. Welcome & Introductions: the virtual meeting took place via Adobe Connect at 10:30am on June 2, 2010.

2. The committee approved the agenda.

3. The Midwinter minutes were approved as amended.

4. Brief Announcements:

   • Sally Neal was congratulated on her election as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of EBSS.
   • Cheryl Goldenstein was congratulated on her election as Member at Large for EBSS.
   • Lori will e-mail a full-list of EBSS events in Washington, DC to the EBSS Advisory Committee and listserv.
   • Jo-Anne Carr, a longtime active member of EBSS, is retiring from her position at the University of Wisconsin. She will be recognized for her contributions to EBSS during our consolidated meeting time.
5. Discussion items:
   a. Virtual Meetings
      • A total of four committees met face-to-face at Midwinter; the other committees had virtual meetings.
      • Committee members discussed the possibility of having all EBSS committees meet virtually at Midwinter, and meet in-person at Annual. Members feel that meeting virtually for midwinter is more economically feasible in this economy and the virtual platforms available make this option very attractive.
      • A preliminary vote was taken to gauge the committee’s view on this and all voting members agreed they would like to go this route for Midwinter.
      • Committee chairs will discuss this with their committees, and Executive will be taking a final vote on this issue in DC.
      • If all EBSS meetings are held virtually at Midwinter, the Advisory Committee will need to consider other options for the Current Topics Discussions. Other sections are holding their Current Topics virtually and EBSS can explore that option as well.
   b. Wiki, ALAConnect, and the EBSS Web presence:
      • The Committee discussed the relationship between the web space, wiki space, and ALAConnect. There was a proposal to have a web sub-committee that will work on distinguishing these resources and refining their relationship to one another.
      • It was proposed that Beth Larkee (the incoming web manager) chair that sub-committee. Dana Peterman volunteered to be on this sub-committee.

6. Officer Reports:
   a. Membership & Orientation:
      • The EBSS Social will be at 5:30pm at the Fado Irish Pub in Washington, DC.
      • EBSS membership numbers continue to drop, and we are at 795 members as of the April report.
      • Letters continue to go out to new members, drops, and reinstates. In the past year we have sent 163 letters to droppers, 36 to reinstates, and 108 to new members.
      • The “Buddy” program is up and running in a prototype mode. This program pairs relatively inexperienced EBSS members, as well as those who are interested but not currently members, with more experienced members for support in professional development activities as defined by the pair. There are currently nine pairs.
      • The Membership & Orientation Committee is in the process of producing a new EBSS brochure.
   b. Publications:
      • Barbaarella Frazier reminded chairs to contact her if our committees have a project that they are submitting for publication.
      • Barbarella is looking for new members for the Publications and Communications Committee, and committee chairs are asked to look for volunteers from their committees. A call for volunteers will also be posted to the EBSS listserv.
      • Beth Broyles is finishing her term as Newsletter Editor and the Publications Committee is seeking a volunteer who will take over this position.
   c. Listserv Moderator:
Judy says that everything with the EBSS listserv is running smoothly. She hopes that ALA will obtain listserv software as eventually she will retire and will not be able to host it at her institution.

d. Nominating Committee:
   • Judy is currently seeking nominations for Secretary, Member-at-Large, and President/Vice-President Elect.

e. Secretary:
   • Kate received almost all committee agendas for Annual.

f. Vice-Chair:
   • Stephanie reported that there were 94 new EBSS volunteers this year; Higher Education, Scholarly Communications, and the Online Learning Research Committee had the highest number of new volunteers.
   • She reminded the chairs that new leaders begin after Annual meeting.
   • Stephanie is forming an ad-hoc committee that will explore podcasting topics in higher education.
   • The working title for the EBSS program in New Orleans 2011 will be “Millenials and Beyond.”

g. Past-Chair:
   • Deborah is in the process of updating the EBSS Manual.
   • She suggested forming an ad-hoc committee that will create an EBSS Manual for the virtual world.

h. Chair:
   • Lori reminded all chairs that EBSS will have a consolidated meeting that will go from 8am-noon at Annual in Washington, DC. The Membership meeting will be at 11am.
   • The EBSS program this year is: “Finding, Losing, and Using the News;” this is at 1:30pm on Saturday.
   • The EBSS Research forum will take place at 3:30pm, and the Social will follow at 5:30pm.

7. Action Items:
   • Volunteers will be solicited for the proposed ad-hoc committees; these include a group that will be updating the EBSS manual, looking at the EBSS online spaces (wiki, web page, and ALAConnect), and a group that will look at podcasting topics in higher education.
   • A volunteer will be needed for the Newsletter Editor position.
   • Committee chairs will talk to their committees about having virtual meetings for midwinter; the Executive Committee will vote on this issue at Annual. If EBSS decides that all meetings will be held virtually for Midwinter, we will need to figure out how to do a “Current Topics” session virtually.
ALA /EBSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 26, 2010
Committee Name: Communication Studies Committee
Name of person submitting Minutes: Christina Gola

Members Present: Jessica Alverson (Chair), Kate Adams, Christina Gola, Cathy Michael, Danielle Rowland

Members Excused: Jodie Borgerding, Katherine Dabbour, Linda Hofschire, Julie Petr
Guests: Sharon Black, Hui Hua Chua, Joyce Garczynski, Sally Neal, Ericka Raber

Meeting convened - 9 a.m. by Jessica Alverson

Agenda Item Minutes:

I. Welcome and Introductions
II. Announcements
   b. Communication Studies Newseum Tour scheduled for Monday at 10.
   c. EBSS is considering whether to make all Mid-Winter committee meetings virtual. We need to take an informal vote.
      • The committee voted unanimously in favor of virtual meetings
III. Journalism Information Literacy Standards
   a. Reporting of Feedback from Journalism Organizations
      • We are currently on step 10 of the “Checklist for Developing Subject Specific Information Literacy Standards”
      • Committee members contacted several organizations during the Spring, but received no feedback
   b. Strategize reaching out to organizations for feedback
      • A suggestion was made that we target specific organizations’ education related committees. Specifically targeting Chair’s by phone.
      • A suggestion was made to consider asking for feedback from accreditation units of the organizations
      • We agreed on contacting the following organizations and assigned to the following members:
         1. SPJ – Cathy
         2. NCA – Mass Comm – Christina
         3. AEJMC – Jessica
4. ACE-JMC – Jessica will send out a call for a volunteer
5. ASME – Kate
   • A suggestion was also made to solicit feedback from SLA NewLib and ComLIB. Jessica will look through past notes to find out if we have contacted those groups.

c. Discuss gathering feedback from Faculty
   • Members present at meeting agreed that we should contact our faculty on respective campus to solicit feedback, committee members are asked to do this
   • Jessica will send an email to members asking them to help with this task
d. Timeline
   • Make contact with organizations and faculty by July 15th.
   • Ask for feedback by August 15th and send to the committee list. We will decide later how to organize and handle the feedback.

IV. Next Steps: Draft goes to Unit’s Leadership for Review
   • If we do not receive feedback this second time around, we will go ahead and move forward, documenting our efforts

V. Discuss future committee projects
   • Reformat IL document to make it a more usable document for our faculty
   • Create a toolbox and other added value resources for the document to encourage usage (Ex. Toolbox in Libguides).
   • Create/Choose assessment/rubric tools to use with the document
   • Push for the document to be published after completing the checklist.

Meeting adjourned: 1030 a.m. by Jessica Alverson

Summary

Motions
The committee voted unanimously in favor of allowing the EBSS committees to meet virtually during Mid-Winter

Action Items
Moving Forward with Information Literacy Standards
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ALA/EBSS Reference Sources and Services Committee Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2010 9:30am


Welcome and Introductions:

Welcomed new committee members Suzan Parker and Kaya Van Beynen. There was some confusion with meeting times since committees started their meetings at different times.

Approved committee minutes from midwinter virtual meeting. Agreed that we should meet virtually for midwinter and that ALA Connect was fine to use.

Updates on Committee Projects:

1. Statistical Resources Wiki:

Agreed that we need to follow a template for formatting our wiki pages. Agreed to remove the “accessed on” dates that are listed at the end of each entry. Everyone liked the formatting of the Criminal Justice Statistics section. We will use that as a template. Some of the sections on the wiki have been formatted differently. We will go in and change the sections for which we have volunteered to maintain so that they match the formatting that is on the criminal justice section.

“What are we doing to promote the wiki?” was asked. Really we have not done much other than promoting it through the article that was published in the January 2010 College and Research Libraries News. It was suggested that we send information on the wiki out to some listservs to promote it. We can link to it from our own library subject guides. Should we pursue an ACRL press release? All agreed to continue to maintain the sections they volunteered for at Midwinter. We have one outgoing committee member, Monique, and we will need volunteers for her sections. More info on which sections need new volunteers to be sent out later.
2. Education Librarians Toolbox

Still need to do a redirect from the Google Sites page and inform the EBSS Web manager to update the link on EBSS Website and wiki. We need to add a link to the statistical wiki on the toolbox or add a statistical section linking to the wiki.

Suzan A. proposed that we write an article on the toolbox, describing what it’s useful for and so on.

Agreed that we should continue with the toolbox project.

Update and maintenance of ongoing projects – this was addressed. We decided not to pursue some of the outstanding projects such as institutional rankings and promotion and tenure. We should stay focused on the Statistical Sources wiki and the Education Librarians’ Toolbox.

Potential Committee Projects:

Continued to discuss writing an article on the Toolbox – how it can be useful to teach/inform new education librarians. Kati, Suzan A., LaVerne are all interested in pursuing an article. Suggested publishing it in SLA’s Education Libraries. However, it was pointed out that ACRL is supposed to get “first shot.” We need to fill out a form to state we are working on an article to the publications committee. If they don’t want to publish in an ACRL publication then we are free to pursue outside sources? These needs to be verified. Regardless, once we get started on the article, we do need to fill out the form.

Another idea for an article was writing a follow up article on how librarians use the resources such as the Statistical Wiki.

Other Business: Round the table discussion of interesting projects individuals have been working on.

Suzan A. – Curriculum materials book, online learning for general education courses.

Suzan P. – staffing issues.

Kati – many personnel changes at her library too. IMC remodeled, Programming/story times, events for children.

Kaya – Assessment, a lot of work in that area. Classes in library for conditionally accepted students – they’re required to take a library class. QEP – numerical literacy, data.

LaVerne – Learning and outreach, suite of workshops geared toward graduate and faculty, e-learning work group, LI for online learning.

Wendy – Also working on learning and outreach issues, setting up workshops for education students.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Minutes submitted by: Wendy Mann
EBSS Executive Committee Minutes

Sunday 27 June 2010, 8:00 to 10:00 AM

JW Marriott Hotel—Dirksen

Committee Members Present: Dana Peterman, Deborah Schaeffer, Barbaraella Frasier, Cheryl Goldenstein, Lori Mestre, Sally Neale, Beth Kumar, Linda Kopecky, Kate Silfen, Beth Broyles, Stephanie Davis-Kahl, Jessica Albano

I. Introductions and Greetings

II. The proposed agenda was approved by the committee.

III. The 2010 Midwinter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Brief Announcements
   A. The EBSS program on Saturday was successful, and had over 100 attendees.
   B. The EBSS Research Forum was also well attended, and the APA Librarian of the Year Award was presented to EBSS’s own Brian Quinn.
   C. The dutch treat attracted a small, pleasant group for dinner.
      1. The Members-At-Large will discuss whether to make planning the dutch treat a regular task for Members-At-Large. If they determine that this should be a regular role, this will be written up in the Member-At-Large position description in the EBSS manual.
      2. There was some discussion over whether or not Saturday night was the best time slot for the dutch treat; this is a time when many are busy.

V. Discussion Items
   A. Virtual Meetings for All EBSS Committees
      1. Many feel that this is a good idea because of the financial constraints that so many EBSS members are facing; only four EBSS committees met in-person at Mdiwinter.
      2. The Executive Committee agreed that EBSS would, by default, meet virtually for Midwinter.
      3. Committees can meet in-person at Midwinter if that is their preference, but they need to let Sally Neale know if they intend to do so. Committees that meet in-person need to find ways to include those that cannot attend Midwinter. Having a hybrid meeting is one way to do this.
      4. The New Leader’s Orientation meeting will be held virtually,
      5. Certain committees only meet virtually.
6. The manual needs to be updated to include this information.

B. EBSS Wiki & Our Web Presence
1. A subcommittee made up of members from the advisory committee will look
   at the relationship and role of the web presence, wiki, and ALA Connect
   space.
2. In the meantime, it is up to committee chairs to let Beth know what content
   they want to have on the official EBSS web page. Beth will send a message
   to the chairs to ask them for updated content.
3. Old projects will be moved to the wiki.

VI. ACRL and Board Representatives
A. New funding structure
1. All sections, regardless of size, will receive $1,000.
2. For every member over 200, each section will get an additional .75 per
   member.
3. Committee members are no longer required to attend conferences twice a
   year, but they must participate fully in the work of the committee.
4. Committees no longer need to meet in person to ratify votes that took place
   during a virtual meeting.
5. ACRL is considering a dues increase.

V11. Action Items
A. Publication Process Update:
B. ACRL has the first right-of-refusal for any committee publications. The
   process, once EBSS publications committee has reviewed the article/book and
   provided feedback is for the author to submit the publication to ACRL
   through their normal process. If ACRL rejects the publication, the EBSS
   committee can then submit it elsewhere for review. The EBSS publication
   committee will need to update their procedures/information to reflect the
   process.
C. There is a potential candidate for a new Newsletter Editor.
D. The EBSS Manual is being revised, and this will be posted to the EBSS
   website.
E. An ad hoc task force will be formed to facilitate a series of podcasts on higher
   education.
F. The Executive Committee will meet virtually for Midwinter.

VII. Officer Reports
A. Members-at-Large are discussing options for having the current topics session held virtually.
B. The Publications Chair repeated her call for a new Newsletter Editor.
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Name of person submitting minutes: Joe Weber

Members present: Barbaraella Frazier (chair), Jessica Albano (web manager), Beth Kumar (associate web manager), Judy Walker (listserv manager), Joe Weber

Members Excused: Nancy Barker DuPree, Beth Broyles (newsletter editor)

Guests: Stephanie Davis-Kahl

Minutes:
I. Welcome and Introductions
II. The minutes for the 2010 Midwinter meeting in Boston were approved
III. In-Process Publications and Communications
   a. The EBSS brochure is to be updated
   b. EBSS committee websites should be updated by the 2011 Annual Conference, or they will be archived
IV. Committee Composition
   a. Currently have only three “regular” members
   b. Have four ex-officio members: newsletter editor, listserv manager, web manager, and associate web manager (when we have one)
   c. Barbaraella Frazier, chair, has requested additional “regular” members
V. Newsletter Review Process
   a. To Publications & Communications Committee for grammar, spelling and punctuation
   b. To EBSS Advisory Council for content
VI. Newsletter Editor Position
   a. Beth Broyles is in her last year as newsletter editor (will serve through the 2011 annual conference)
   b. Revisions were made to the former posting and will be submitted to the EBSS Executive Committee for approval
VII. Associate Web Manager Position
   a. Beth Kumar has transitioned from associate web manager to web manager
   b. A new associate web master will be hired if we can find someone interested in the job
VIII. Summary of Action Items
   a. Review EBSS brochure prior to next meeting
   b. Barbaraella Frazier will check with Advisory Council regarding ongoing projects
   c. Newsletter editor posting will be reviewed by the Executive Committee
d. A call will be put out for new committee members and an associate webmaster

IX. Other Announcements and Items—
   a. Call for ad hoc task force members to put out a podcast series; if interested, reply to Stephanie Davis-Kahl
   b. The 2011 Midwinter committee meeting may be virtual
EBSS Distinguished Librarian Award Committee

Minutes – ALA Annual 2010

June 26, 2010

The committee met as part of the EBSS Program on Saturday afternoon. Judy Walker, chair of the committee, presented the award to Dr. Penny Beile, Education Librarian at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Beile delivered brief comments thanking the section for the honor. A representative from John Wiley and Sons, Charles Reagan, was also on hand for the presentation.

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The meeting was convened by Lesley Farmer at 9:11am during the EBSS all-committee event. The group introduced themselves.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes from mid-winter’s virtual meeting (Dec. 18, 2009) were approved as read. The group approved conducting mid-winter committee meetings virtually. ALA is developing a set of virtual communication tools; the group mentioned the use of Elluminate and phone conferencing.

Communications channels. Lesley sent ACRL a press release about the ERIC contract renewal. Lesley reminded the group about ALA Connect. The group discussed their communications responsibility, not only with ERIC but also with EBSS, ACRL and ALA in general. ERIC improvements can also be communicated in other publications. Beth volunteered to write an article for Against the Grain.

Christina shared news about the National Library of Education (NLE). The Education’s agency’s library reports to the NLE. The library provides free ILL service, and can digitize and deliver documents. A Library Advisory Committee has been established, which includes EBSS members, among others. The library is considering establishing a Virtual Reference Desk (VRD) service, and is trying to determine its clientele in order to provide high-quality service without being overwhelmed. The group recommended that NLE work through ERIC, noting their service under the librarians’ section of ERIC website. They also suggested chat aps such as Meebo and LibHEL3P, although the Department of Education does not use social networking, although it tries to track media coverage of education. Christina also mentioned that committee members are welcome to visit NLE although a formal event has been cancelled.

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- Add middle school and high school.
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- Place health, PE, and dance elsewhere.
- Place art and music ed elsewhere.
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• Rename career ed as career and technical education.
• Address formal and informal education; note libraries and museums.
• Create a topic “map” that would show relationships among topics.

Luna shared CSC ERIC project updates. The interface has improved, and features have been added. Details will be shown at the program session, and noted in the ERIC website update section.

The 2010 ALA conference ERIC Users Committee sessions were noted: for Saturday and Sunday. In discussing the 2011 Conference ERIC update session, it was suggested that a library advisory committee member report on the topics discussion as part of the update. It was also suggested to get AASL co-sponsorship of the session.

Seeing as there was no other business, the committee was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted, Lesley Farmer
1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Update**: social in DC confirmed at 5:30 pm, Saturday 26, at Fado Irish Pub
   a. Scott will show up early to welcome attendees
   b. Need to evaluate effectiveness of social
      i. Note that EBSS will possibly go all virtual for Midwinter, so there will be no social, or only a limited one.

3. **Membership updates**
   a. Membership numbers (May 2010 report)
      i. There is an ACRL threshold of 1,000 members for additional funding for section. EBSS is below that threshold. There has been some discussion about more gradation for different levels of funding. Scott will report back if this is discussed at Advisory Board.
ii. There are more new members reported in May than Scott has seen. But we may still see membership go down as libraries continue to experience staffing cuts and early retirement programs.

b. Letters to members
      1. Can system report who has been with EBSS 5, 10, 15 … years? Then send letters recognizing continued support.
      2. UPDATE: Deborah reports that ACRL can indeed provide these reports

c. Surveys
   i. Survey for those who have dropped membership
      1. Primary reason for dropping EBSS membership (8 responses) was change in job responsibilities.
      2. Committee did not see any need to revise survey.
   ii. Possible survey for new members
      1. Instead of survey, it was suggested to use new member letter to direct questions and/or interests to Committee chair for personal touch.
      2. Lacking information on how new members found EBSS. This would help us evaluate what marketing is effective.
         a. Feed into Buddy Program.
         b. Expand Buddy information to include areas of mutual interest, e.g. testing.
   iii. Buddy Program survey
      1. Add question whether a specific interest, per previous item.
      2. Does geographical location matter? No

4. Outreach updates and discussion
   a. Buddy Program
      i. Scott will ask mentors and buddies whether they met during conference and request feedback on how it went.
      ii. Deborah will contact ANSS membership committee to ask how its buddy program is working and what they are doing.
      iii. UPDATE: Scott spoke with ANSS M+O chair and we are doing much better at this than they are. We talked a little about combining efforts on this front, but nothing for sure at this time
   b. NMRT Connections
      i. NMRT no longer invites units to present at a new member orientation, but they are welcome to speak briefly at the Sunday reception.
      ii. There is supposed to be an NMRT liaison to EBSS.
   c. Brochure revisions
      i. Brochure, last revised and printed in 2003, has some glaring mistakes. ACRL will not pay for reprinting because there are still a large number of copies available.
ii. Committee feels the brochure should be a dynamic document, available on the website and printed on demand.

iii. Scott drafted some revisions. Brochure needs to be approved by Publications Committee before posting to website.
   1. Members to review draft and provide feedback as soon as possible.

d. Feedback on section proposal for podcast series
   i. Feedback needed before presented to Advisory.

5. Brainstorming for other outreach ideas
   a. Loyalty letter for members with milestone years of membership in section
      i. Conversation needs to start with Adam regarding what data system is able to provide. (See above update; it is possible)
      ii. Then Committee will discuss what milestone years, when letters are sent, etc.
      iii. Probably won’t be able to act on this until 2011 Annual Conference.
   b. Should we do a Facebook page?
   c. Could we sponsor a virtual discussion for Midwinter, but not scheduled during Midwinter.
      i. Possible discussion topics?
         1. Ask members to submit concerns, issues prior to meeting.
      ii. Cheryl will take this forward to Current Issues group.

6. Other business
   a. Virtual meetings for all EBSS committees for Midwinter
      i. M&O Committee members are okay with this

7. Action items:
   a. Revise letters – deadline: July 31
      i. Welcome letter – Scott and Nancy
      ii. Reinstate letter – Tobeylynn and Cheryl
      iii. Drop letter – Deborah and Dottie
   b. Check brochure and provide revisions for final section - deadline: July 31
   c. Cheryl will talk with Current Topics group about an M+O sponsored topic for mid-career members
EBSS OLRC Meeting

ALA Annual Conference

June 26, 2010

Date: Saturday, June 26th, 2010; 9:00 a.m.
Location: JW Marriott Capitol E

Name of person submitting minutes: Mona Anne Niedbala

Members present: Lisa Baures, Veronica Bielat, Sharon Naylor, Sarah Cantrell, Lori Mestre, Beth Broyles, Mona Anne Niedbala

Members absent: Travis James Bonnett, Jim Blansett, Katherine Strober Dabbour (virtual member)

Agenda Items:

- Welcome and Introductions: Mona welcomed members
- Minutes from ALA Midwinter 2010 were approved
- Members decided to have a virtual meeting for ALA Midwinter 2011
- Update on OLRC projects:
  2. Mona and Veronica submitted a proposal, “Evidence-based Instructional Design and Information Literacy Assessment for Improving Student Achievement”, for a Current Topics Discussion at ALA Midwinter ACRL/IS Current Issue Discussion Groups.
  3. OLRC Toolkit: Lori moderated the discussion about the Toolkit. The Toolkit needs to be moved back to a wiki for editing capabilities. Lori created a tip sheet for editing. We need to assign Toolkit section work and establish deadlines for completing the conversion and the first update. Sarah suggested creating checklists for evaluating Toolkit resources. Lisa suggested that descriptions include information about the version of the product. The Toolkit categories need to be revised. The web conferencing and the pedagogy sections need to be expanded to include links and subsections, respectively.
Assigning Toolkit section work:

- Course/Content Management section: will be simplified to include a product list, information about free and proprietary products, and links to specific websites. Veronica will convert the information to the ALA Connect Wiki and maintain it.
- Learning Materials/Objects: Lori and Sarah will convert and maintain the section.
- Social Networking will be eliminated and become a category of the Learning Objects section. Sharon will incorporate specific information about the social networking in the Bibliography.
- Pedagogy and Discussion: Mona and Lisa will convert the information and manage the section.
- Web Conferencing: Veronica will convert and update this section.
- Bibliography: Sharon will convert and maintain this section.
- Toolkit section order: Pedagogy and Discussion, Learning Materials/Objects, Web Conferencing, Course/Content Management Systems, and Bibliography

Toolkit work deadlines: August 15th for converting the Toolkit from the website to ALA Connect Wiki; November 1st for a first full update.

4. OLRC “Creating Learning Objects for Information Literacy: An exploration of best practices” article: The article was accepted for publication by College & Research Libraries with revisions. The deadline for revisions is July 9th. Lori will revise it first and send it to the rest of the authors. Lisa suggested that we send out the survey again in the future and compare the results.

- News and Highlights: Veronica, Lisa, Lori and Mona talked about presentations and projects that they are currently working on.

- Action Items:
  1. Mona will revamp the OLRC ALA Connect page and will provide links to past discussion presentations.
  2. Mona will work on using keywords that would allow better archival/search of resources.
  3. Mona will create two email accounts for the Toolkit, one for content suggestions and one for questions.
  4. Members of the committee will finish the Toolkit resources transfer from the website to ALA Connect Wiki by August 15th, 2010.
  5. Members of the committee will finish the first complete update by November 1st.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.
ALA /EBSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 27, 2010

Committee Name: Social Work/Social Welfare

Name of person submitting Minutes: Kate Silfen

Members Present: Kate Silfen (chair), Monique Andrews (incoming chair), Sue Wortman, Eloise Bellard, Susan Edwards, Adina Mulliken

Members Excused: Karen Hartman

Guests: Roberta Astroff, Barbara Burd

The meeting was convened by Kate Silfen and Monique Andrews at 10:30am.

Agenda Item Minutes:

1) Welcome and Introductions
2) Approval of Midwinter Minutes
3) Wrapping up our work on the Social Work/Social Welfare Standards
4) Ideas for future projects? Other issues that people want to discuss?
5) Adjournment

Time adjourned: 12pm

Summary:
• The committee members decided to meet virtually in place of having a face-to-face meeting at the Midwinter Conference. The virtual meeting will take place in December.
• The committee unanimously agreed to keep meeting on Sunday morning at ALA annual.
• Committee members reviewed our draft of the Social Work/Social Welfare Information Literacy Standards. Barbara Burd, a representative from the Information Literacy Steering Committee at ACRL, will take our standards back to her committee for review and approval.
• Incoming chair Monique Andres suggested that the committee discuss ongoing projects and business over e-mail so that meeting could be dedicated to discussion topics. All committee members agreed to this.
• Some possible future topics for discussion include: collection development for interdisciplinary subject areas, preparing MSW students to do research once they are in the field, and increased collaboration with the librarians who meet at the yearly CSWE meetings.
• The committee discussed Social Work Abstracts and Social Services Abstracts. Monique passed out a newly published article titled: “Social Work Abstracts Fails Again.”

The committee discussed the following possibilities for future projects:

• Create a LibGuide to guide social work alumni in their research.
• Update and publicize the Social Work Selector’s Toolbox.
• Explore open access resources for social workers.
ALA /EBSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 27, 2010
Committee Name: Electronic Resources in Communication Studies (ERCS)
Name of person submitting minutes: Shevon Desai

Members Present: Tasha Cooper, Shevon Desai, Mary Feeney, Rosemary Franklin, Joyce Garczynski, Cathy Michael (Chair)

Members Excused: Jessica Alverson
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The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Cathy Michael, in the Dirksen room at the JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC.

Handouts
Cathy distributed two handouts:
- “Health Communications” Subject Guide
- Priorities Planning document

XIII. Introductions and Greetings
Everyone in attendance introduced himself or herself and visitors were welcomed.

XIV. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved with one amendment: item V.5.3 (“possible survey for faculty and librarians” by JSTOR) was stricken as the JSTOR survey has already been sent out to committee members to fill out and distribute to their faculty.

XV. Announcements
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1) Welcome and Introductions (Members and Guests)

2) PsycINFO Presentation

   Susan Hillson and Linda Beebe came to discuss updates and future plans for PsycINFO.

   a) The first week in July, PsycArticles will initiate its Online First project. Articles will be published online within 30 days of acceptance. Considered fully published, but without page or issue numbers. Final article will be matched to the DOI.
   b) APA is planning to publish handbooks online, beginning with the APA Handbook of Industrial and Organizational Psychology.
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3) Updates on current projects:

   a) Review of Charge
      i) Name change to Psychology Committee. Laura will email everyone about the change in the charge and solicit suggestions for rewording the committee’s charge.
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ii) Does not yet work in Safari, but does work on FireFox on MACs.

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iv) Concern was raised about controversies and complaints from publishers about rankings for their journals. Bruce Quinn said in the past we’ve only received positive responses.

v) Future of the rankings: Want to get information from JCR. Robin will work on getting agreement to publish comparisons between target journal and averages (not give out actual numbers in our database.) Will try to finish by MidWinter. Make it open source to allow others to adapt it to their fields. Update data/rankings annually? We might move hosting from Godaddy.com to ACRL, though that might mean less control of the database. Will continue discussion via email.

d) Information Literacy Standards

   i) Standards completed. Committee thanks all who worked on this important initiative. The ACRL Psychology IL Standards can be found on the web, and will be uploaded to ALA Connect.

e) Publications

   i) APA no longer wishes to update or publish their *Library Use Handbook*. Do we want to develop an open access textbook? Or try to include a chapter in research handbooks on library research?

   ii) Webpage needs updating. There are broken links, sections are too general, not organized, not well categorized. Publications committee is asking committees to manage their websites, not leave it to ACRL.

   iii) Suzan Parker questioned who the audience for our website is: librarians, students, or the general public. It was decided that the audience originally was for psychology librarians and we want to keep that focus.

   iv) Contact Diana Ramirez if you would like to work on the contents of the Psych. Committee’s website.

4) Related Organizations

   a) Suggested we coordinate with the Association of Mental Health Librarians. The American Psychological Society is interested in our membership – they welcome everyone who “contributes to psychology as a science” and see us as members of that community. We could invite someone from APS to one of our meetings.

   b) Discussed again our interest in becoming members of the American Psychological Association.

5.) Formal adjournment followed by informal discussion from 9:30-10:00.