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Social Networking Opportunities with EBSS:

Membership & Orientation Committee of EBSS will sponsor the EBSS Social Hour on Sunday, June 29, 1997, from 5 to 6 PM at **Gracies**, a cozy Corner Bar at 398 Geary Street in San Francisco. No reservations required. Buy your own drinks. Just come and meet with colleagues.

EBSS / ACRL Liaison Dinner. Organized by Leslie Bjorncrantz, ACRL liaison member. Leslie and her network of restaurant reviewers will select a fine place for dinner on Sunday, June 29, 1997, 6:00 PM. Place to be arranged; reservations required. Contact Leslie by e mail: l-bjorncrantz@nwu.edu or (847-491-760.

ALA Midwinter Highlight:

National Library of Education Tour: A Living Library

Twenty EBSS members visited the temporary headquarters of the National Library of Education (NLE) in Washington DC on February 17 during the ALA Midwinter Conference. Library directory Blane Dessy greeted visitors and presented an overview of the library, its mission and a future direction. After distributing the recently published *Access for All: A New Library for Tomorrow's Learners*, the report of the National Library of Education Advisory Task Force, Blane turned the program over to Judy Craig, who demonstrated the Department of Education's Webpage (<http://www.ed.gov>) and its features of interest to librarians. A dialogue then ensued related to hot topics in education and how the NLE might best serve its constituencies. NLE is in the process of developing a Web source pointing to lesson plans and how they relate to national teaching standards. EBSS members suggested that other issues of concern were: resources needed to meet information literacy goals; resources to support curriculum materials centers, organized directories to historical textbook collections; educational reference sources to support specific needs; and equitable distribution of information technologies. A brief tour of the library followed the discussion. EBSS members were most appreciative not only of the delightful refreshments supplied, but especially of the NLE staff who took the time to open the library during a national holiday so that education and library issues could be explored among colleagues.

The National Library of Education, (NLE), initiated in 1994 is the largest federally funded library in the world devoted solely to education. It is funded as part of the *Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act* of 1994, as part of the **Goals 2000: Educate America Act**. NLE has structurally united the former U.S. Department of Education Research Library, the Education Information Branch, (1-800 user service), Inet (ED / OERI's Internet site and service) and the Technology Resource Center. NLE is intended to be a "one stop" education information center, with three main activities: reference and referral services, collection and technical services, and resource sharing and cooperation.

The mission of the NLE, according to the report *Access for All*, "is to provide awareness and maximum access to high-quality education information in all formats and from multiple sources, to provide high quality assistance to information seekers, and be accountable for all these efforts. Our customers are the educators, students and parents of America at all education levels and the agencies, corporations and institutions that

serve them. Our partners are the nation's education libraries, education information providers, and educational organizations." The library, in temporary housing while extensive renovation is being done for the permanent location, is presently serving researchers, legislators, and educators.

Mary Beth Minick, EBSS Chair, Blane Dessy, Director, National Library of Education, and Judy Craig, Public Relations, National Library of Education were hosts of this tour. Judy Craig demonstrated the award winning National Library of Education Website and described the resource sharing possible with many education sites being connected through this site.

For EBSS members who did not have the opportunity to attend this meeting, there is another chance: look for Judy Craig at the AASL Conference in Portland, Oregon, presenting the National Library of Education's progress.

Report by Pat Libutti and Nancy O'Brien

Attention, All Committee Chairs: New Chairs Orientation in San Francisco

Patricia O'Brien Libutti, Past Chair, EBSS

Advisory Council often is the time when chairs of committees informally share their ongoing experiences organizing activities, action and discussion towards EBSS goals. However, there is a designated slot in each EBSS year for focusing on just these issues: New Chairs Orientation. At this time, Pat Libutti will be facilitating the Orientation and urges new and "seasoned" chairs to attend the one-hour meeting. If you had not attended one before, this is the perfect time to do so -- and "refresher" opportunities will be present.

Materials will be sent out ahead of the meeting and will feature anecdotes from past chairs on organization, motivation, and "what I wished I had known." At this time, preparatory materials for new chairs are available; the EBSS Orientation Manual is on the Website, materials from past EBSS chairs will be synthesized into packets, and discussion in San Francisco is anticipated to be lively. Plan on being there - look for the schedule of EBSS events and mark this as Your Time.

ACRL Task Force Considers Electronic Publication

Hugh Thompson and other members of the ACRL Publications Task Force on Electronic Publication have met during past ALA conferences to consider issues and current activities of electronic publications. C&RL News already has an electronic version.

In the committee's final report, mailed to many ACRL members, one of the conclusions presented is to "convert appropriate types of materials to electronic publications as quickly as possible." Such materials would include ... section newsletters. Something to think about for the future.

Nancy O'Brien Recipient of EBSS Award

Helga Visscher

The Distinguished EBSS Librarian Award Committee, chaired by Leslie Bjorncrantz has selected Nancy Patricia O'Brien as the EBSS Distinguished Librarian of the Year 1997. There were many good candidates to choose from; Nancy O'Brien meets and surpasses all the criteria for selection for this award.

Nancy has been actively involved with education libraries since 1981 when she served as education subject specialist at the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana Library to the present day, as Head of Education and Social Science Library, during the 1980's and 90's to currently serving as coordinator of the Social Sciences Division at the U of I. This certainly represents significant academic library service in the area of education libraries.

Her service to the organized profession through ACRL EBSS is exemplary. She has provided a leadership role for more than a decade. Since she joined the EBSS Curriculum Materials committee in 1982, she has served continuously as a committee member, or chair of committees - Curriculum Materials, Test Collections, Conference Programs, Nominating, Publications, as well as EBSS section chair in 1988-89, and 1994, and as a past EBSS Newsletter Editor. She has always done an excellent job wherever needed.

She has produced significant research and publications in the area of education information. Her many publications include coediting the *Core List of Books and Journals in Education*, Oryx Press, 1991. Most recently she has written articles on textbook collections for educational research. She has been a presenter at many conferences and workshops including papers presented at ACRL and International History of Education symposium.

Her planning and implementation of library programs have been a model for other programs. As project director of Title II-C Grant, in 1987-1988, "Strengthening Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Textbook resources at the University of Illinois ... Education and Social Science Library to Improve National Access," she pioneered a program which gave recognition to the value of textbooks as part of the professional and research collection for university libraries.

In all her activities, Nancy has provided leadership, shared her knowledge and expertise, and provided an open and friendly welcome to newcomers in EBSS. She is the obvious choice for this year's Distinguished Librarian's Award for EBSS.

IASL: International Association for School Librarianship

Helga Visscher

IASL is an organization providing an international forum for those people interested in promoting school library programs as instruments in the educational process. For this reason many members of EBSS may be interested in this professional group. Membership is \$25 annually; *IASL-Link* listserv, *IASL Newsletter*, a Webpage, and refereed journal *School Libraries Worldwide* are membership benefits.

This year's annual conference, **Bridging the Gap: Information Rich but Knowledge Poor**, will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, July 6 - 11, 1997, in conjunction with the Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada. For more conference information, visit the web site: <http://www.rhi.hi.is/~anne/conf-van.html.html>. Or e mail iaslatlc@unixg.ubc.ca.

For membership information, contact Ken Haycock, IASL executive director, Suite 300 Box 34069, Seattle WA, 98124-1069. E mail iasl@rockland.com

ACRL Instruction Section 1997 Preconference

Learning to Teach

Jill Holman, U of Oregon

ACRL's Instruction Section is holding a preconference, **Learning to Teach: Workshops on Instruction**, on Friday, June 27, 1997. This is a one-day preconference to the annual meeting of ALA in San Francisco. The preconference is based on the ACRL publication, *Learning to Teach: Workshops on Instruction*.

Often librarians learn to teach "on-the-job." **Learning to Teach** was conceived as a collection of training modules covering instructional fundamentals to help librarians from a variety of environments to improve their teaching. Participants are encouraged to adapt the new workshops and use them for training at their own institutions. Both new and experienced librarians will find the preconference useful.

The preconference workshops will be based on the original , interactive modules from **Learning to Teach**. Participants will be able to attend four of these six sessions: Contributions from the Psychology of Learning - - Practical Implications for Teaching (Joan Kaplowitz, UCLA); Presentation Skills and Classroom Management (Claudette Hagle, University of Dallas); Selecting a Teaching Technique (Trudi Jacobson, SUNY Albany); Instruction in a Multicultural / Multiracial Environment (Karen Downing, University of Michigan, Joseph Diaz, University of Arizona); The One-Shot Lecture (Esther Grassian, UCLA); and Developing Effective Library Assignments (Christina Woo, UC Irvine).

The preconference will be held at the Berkeley Conference Center, a convenient ride via the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) from downtown San Francisco. It will begin at 8:30 AM and wind up by 5:00PM, in time for participants to migrate to the Instruction Section dinner, if desired. Registration will be limited to 140 people and includes the all-day conference, workshop support materials, and refreshments during the morning and afternoon. The cost is \$85 for ACRL members; \$120 for ALA members, non ACRL members; \$75 for Library School Students; and \$200 for non-ALA, non ACRL members. There will be a \$35 late fee for those registering after the deadline of May 15, 1997. (Editors note: the newsletter may or may not arrive by this date. The ACRL office told me that the EBSS Newsletters would be in the mail by May 1.) See the WEB site for the registration form: <http://www.leland.stanford.edu/~mesora/ACRLIS/precon.html>.

Lunch can be purchased inexpensively near the preconference site.

Questions not answered via the WEB site can be directed to Margaret Phillips (510-643-8666

or mphillip@library.berkeley.edu) or Rose Adams (415-725-1180 or mesora@leland.Stanford.EDU) co chairs of the 1997 ACRL IS Preconference Planning Committee.

Message from the Chair

Mary Beth Minick

Midwinter was a busy and productive time for EBSS. A sad note at the midwinter conference was that our secretary, Roland McGiverin was unable to join us for health reasons. We are all glad that he is now fine, and has resumed his duties at EBSS.

Several EBSS committees are at the point where they are either finishing projects or evaluating new directions to explore. Please see individual committee reports for details. Many committees would love to have additional support with their projects, so if anyone is interested in working on a project, please contact

the chair of that committee, or EBSS Vice-Chair Nancy Becker. Her address and e-mail are listed on page 2. More information on individual committee chairs are listed in the previous issue of the EBSS Newsletter.

Another highlight of the midwinter meeting was the opportunity section members had to visit the National Library of Education. Library Director Blane Dessy and other members of his staff graciously opened up the facility on President's Day. The summary report of this visit appears on page 1 of the Newsletter.

We look forward to EBSS's co sponsorship of the 1997 ACRL President's Program. In the finale of the program academic librarians from around the country will present ways in which they demonstrate how they "Imagine the Learning Library."

ACRL President's Program: Imagining the Learning Library

Monday, June 30, 1997 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Members of the Walt Disney Imagineering Team, along with a design architect and a public services librarian will share their thoughts on how to realize the learning library, a library whose purpose, or "story" lies in inviting exploration and in presenting openings for learning and research. What would such a library offer, look like and be? How can we shape services in ways that support the learning and research that lies at the heart of the academic and research library? How can our physical environments convey this mission? How do other buildings speak to our users? Answers to these and other questions will bring the concept of the learning library to life. **A Showcase of Ideas** following the major speaker presentations will highlight some of the innovative ways academic librarians are making this vision of the library a reality. Moderator Maureen Sullivan, Association of Research Libraries; Betsy Baker, Reference Services Northwestern University; Barry Braverman, Peggy Van Pelt, Walt Disney Imagineering; Craig Hartmann, architectural design.

The program is sponsored by the following ACRL sections: Instruction, College Libraries, Community & Junior College Libraries, Education & Behavioral Sciences, Extended Campus Library Services, Asian, African & Middle Eastern. The **Showcase of Ideas** will come from these ACRL sections. After the program, the awards for ACRL and EBSS Distinguished Librarians of the Year will be presented.

EBSS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports: Curriculum Materials Centers/ Problems of Access and Control for Educational Materials (CMC / PACEM)

Lorene Sisson, San Jose State University , San Jose,CA

The CMC/PACEM Webliography is completed. The EBSS Publications Committee approved its being mounted on the EBSS Website <http://libinfo.ume.maine.edu/~rollins> or <http://ala.org.acrl.html> The title is *Selected Web Sites of Importance to Education Librarians in College and University Settings*. The topics selected are: Lesson Plans and Teaching Activities, selected by Gary Lare; Educational Tests/Psychology, selected by Jody Bales Foote and Peter Monat, National Standards, selected by Lorene Sisson and Jean Caspers; Childrens and Young Adult Literature, selected by Janet Lawrence; International - National Educational Statistics, selected by Ron Toifel. All contributors are by current or former members of CMC PACEM Committee.

Committee Reports: Curriculum Materials Centers Management Committee (ad hoc)

Ronald Edwards, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. Report by JoAnn Carr, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

JoAnn Carr reported on the status of the Ad Hoc Committee CMC Management. The committee is facing a delay in their book, *Curriculum Materials Centers: Managing Collections, Administering Resources*. Preliminary work, background organization and research has been taken care of, but more chapters need to be written and approved through EBSS / ACRL / ALA. Some committee members have left the committee, leaving a big task to be done by a few people.

The committee will be reconstituted this summer, since ad hoc committees are scheduled to end after two years. EBSS has the option of continuing, or reconstituting the committee, since projects of this scope have usually taken longer than the two years allotted. For example, the *Casebook for Teaching Information Retrieval Skills*, edited by Pat Layabout and Bonnie Gatch, and the *Directory of Curriculum Materials Centers, 4th edition*, both took longer than two years.

Committee Reports: Distinguished EBSS Librarian Award Committee

Leslie Bjorncrantz, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

The EBSS Award Committee met during Midwinter, to select the Distinguished EBSS Librarian. Thanks to the many nominations submitted, the committee's task was to select the best from many well qualified candidates. This year, Nancy O'Brien is the recipient. The Award will be made after the ACRL President's Program during ALA in San Francisco, on Monday, June 30. For more information, see the feature article on p. 3.

Committee Reports: Instruction for Educators, IE

Dane Ward, Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI

The Instruction for Educators Committee discussed a number of ideas concerning their project to reach out to state and regional professional organizations. Several members had succeeded in making contacts that may lead to presentations about information literacy and effective curricular integration of the library.

The committee generated such a variety of interesting ideas related to outreach that there was some agreement to expand this project into a guidebook on outreach or collaboration with faculty. The details of the project will be worked out through e mail, but may include a bibliography, literature review, narratives of successful collaboration outreach, a "how to" section, handouts, and sample presentations.

Committee Reports: Membership and Orientation Committee

Charles Thurston, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

The committee proposed an EBSS social hour to be held in San Francisco on Sunday, June 29, at the 1997 Annual Conference. See page 1 for details . The ACRL Liaison out to dinner activity will follow.

Elisa Topper, Director of ACRL Membership Services, mentioned a focus group of members from various ACRL sections held February 16. They have indicated that they want a networking event such as the one Membership and Orientation is planning.

The committee also discussed revising various parts of the section manual, exclusive of the bylaws, as well as the membership brochure. There was agreement that the latter will take longer to revise, since it had not been done for so many years. EBSS Committee chairs are requested to send copies of their own committees'

charge to the M & O Committee, to insure accuracy in describing the committees' purpose and activities. Later discussion concurred that this committee would soon have its turn for funding the revised brochures.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee

Nancy O'Brien, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

The EBSS Nominating Committee for the 1997 elections offers this reminder of the slate of candidates for leadership positions in EBSS. You are encouraged to exercise your right to vote. The candidates for election are as follows:

For Vice Chair/ Chair elect: Joan Fiscella / Jan Wilson

For Secretary: Mary Gilles / George Libbey

For Member at Large: Francine De Franco / Beth Anderson

Committee Reports: Psychology / Psychiatry Committee:

Jane McKeever, University of Chicago, IL

An American Psychological Association representative reported on a new historical file, to be available in PsycInfo and PsycLit, that will include electronic records for all items in Psychological Abstracts since 1927, and for all APA journals since 1894. The file is now being beta tested, and negotiations are proceeding with various vendors.

The committee decided that it would not pursue updating the *Guidelines for Library and Information Resources Instruction for Psychology* to include electronic competencies. It was agreed that we should keep abreast of the activities of other ACRL groups who are working on this topic, such as the Instruction Section.

The results of the survey on test collections that was posted to the EBSS listserv were summarized and discussed. Only 14 responses were received, six from members who had test collections, and eight from members who did not. Most respondents, whether or not they had a collection, felt the need for guidance on the topic of access to test collections, including such matters as security of the collection, limitations on use of materials, determining appropriate users and uses of the collection, and circulation policies. Many members of the committee are interested in pursuing a project to produce additional guidance on test collections, although no decision was reached as to the exact form that would be most helpful. The committee will be pursuing this during the spring so that a publication proposal can be decided at the 1997 Annual meeting.

Wayne Weiten, the chair of APA Division 2, Teaching of Psychology, will meet with the Psychology /Psychiatry Committee during the 1997 annual conference to discuss ways the two groups might better collaborate. The 1998 ALA Annual Conference will be in Washington, DC, and the committee is organizing a tour of the APA headquarters. The event will be open to all EBSS members, although there will be a limit on attendance. Donna Pontau of the P/P Committee has volunteered to handle the arrangements for this event, and more details will be forthcoming after the 1997 annual meeting.

Committee Report: Publications Committee

Barbara Kemp, SUNY Albany, NY

The Publications Committee discussed the progress of three proposed publications: *Information Competencies for Social Work Students* (Social Work / Social Welfare); Webliography {web page of Internet

sites} (CMC/PACEM); *A Comparative Analysis of the Treatment of Various Higher Education Topics Across Databases* {working title} (Reference Sources and Services). The Webliography was approved to be linked to the EBSS Homepage. Committee members also discussed mounting other section documents on the homepage. The possibility of providing the EBSS Newsletter in this format will be investigated. The EBSS by-laws will be mounted when they are made available in electronic format.

The committee discussed changes to the EBSS bylaws which reflect changes in practice, now that EBSS has a listserv, a webpage, and a newsletter all edited by different people. It would not be appropriate for all three to be voting members of the EBSS Executive Board. The committee recommended that the chair of the publications committee be the representative to the board. The editors of the three publications were all welcome to attend the executive board meeting, as ad hoc members. The committee also considered renaming itself the Communications / Publications committee. The Publications Committee plans to request a 2 hour meeting for ALA Annual in San Francisco if at all possible.

Committee Reports: Reference Sources and Services Committee

Ann Page Mosby , Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

At the Midwinter conference in Washington, DC, the RSS Committee continued to discuss and refine ideas about a publication project which would be addressed to students in the field of higher education. The EBSS Publications Committee notified us that the project has been approved. Assignments for topics were agreed upon for comparing and analyzing relevant data sources for enduser searching. Topics for this search include: (1) education marketing and finance, (2) leadership, (3) affirmative action, and (4) the future of tenure. Time line and goals were set up for moving on to the next step in the project.

Committee Reports: Social Work/Social Welfare Committee

Ellie Marsh, University of North Carolina Asheville, NC

The current project, *Information Competencies for Social Work Students* is the continuing project for this committee. A draft copy had been submitted to the Publications Committee, prior to the Midwinter meeting and corrections and revisions will be worked on.

ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, June 26-July 3, 1997

EBSS Committee Meetings - Tentative Schedule

Friday, June 27, 1997	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Executive Committee
Saturday, June 28, 1997	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Publications Committee Nominating Committee 1998 New Chair Orientation
	9:30 - 10:00 AM	EBSS Membership Meeting
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Conference Planning DC-1998
Saturday, June 28, 1997,	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Curriculum Materials Committee
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Curriculum Materials Management
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Government Policy Committee
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Instruction for Educators Committee
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Membership & Orientation Comm.
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Psychology / Psychiatry Committee
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Reference Sources & Services Com
Sunday, June 29, 1997	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	EBSS Advisory Council
Monday, June 30, 1997	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Showcase of Ideas: <i>Imagining the Learning Library</i> . Outstanding ACRL Librarian & EBSS Librarian Awards

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