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EBSS Executive Committee and Advisory Have Productive Meetings in New Orleans.

By Jan Wilson

The EBSS Executive Committee meeting was held on Friday, January 9, 1998. Jan Wilson, Vice Chair/ Chair Elect, presided at the meeting as EBSS Chair, Nancy Becker, was unable to attend due to a family emergency. The meeting began with some upbeat announcements: Jan Wilson announced that many members are volunteering for EBSS committees. In addition, ACRL has awarded EBSS \$750 to produce a new edition of the EBSS membership brochure.

The Executive Committee took action regarding committee work. A new Ad Hoc Curriculum Materials Centers Management Committee can begin its work at any time, but will be formalized at Annual Conference. The charge and membership will be recommended by Jo Ann Carr, chair of this new committee. The original ad hoc committee's term had expired. A charge for an Ad Hoc Committee on the Test Collections Directory, and a name and revised charge for the Publications Committee were both referred to Advisory Council.

Discussion of ways to provide remote access to committee meetings at Annual Conference was lively. Speakerphones appear to be the best approach for the present, but the cost must be covered by EBSS. Jan Wilson announced that ACRL will be revising its Strategic Plan and after that EBSS will review the Plan to determine how the section fits into it. *∨ Please continue reading on page 2.*

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EVA KIEWITT to Receive the 1998 Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian Award

By Leslie Bjorncrantz

Dr. Eva Kiewitt, Library Consultant and Librarian Emeritus, Regent University, has been selected as the recipient of the ACRL/EBSS Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian Award for 1998. The purpose of the Awards Program is to recognize outstanding members of the academic and research library profession.

The presentation of the award will take place on Monday, June 29, at the beginning of the EBSS program. The program, *Equity in Education in the Electronic Age*, will take place from 10 AM to 12 noon at the Library of Congress Jefferson Building, room LJ-119. We hope to see you there for this special occasion.

Eva Kiewitt has had a long and distinguished career in education librarianship. She has been a recognized leader of EBSS, serving as Secretary, (1975-77), as Chair of the Section (1980-81), and as Chair of several committees (1975-1994). She is the founding co-editor of the *Directory of Curriculum Materials Centers*, now in its 4th edition.

She received her MLS and Ph D in Library and Information Science from Indiana University. Before moving onto library administration at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, her career at Indiana University included head of the Education Library (1967-1973) and Associate Professor and Librarian for the School of Library and Information (1973-1981). She was also President of the Association of Indiana Media Educators.

Eva is recognized for her early work with the ERIC system on vocabulary review, redesign, and evaluation, especially as a member of the ERIC Vocabulary Review Group, national Institute of Education, from 1973 to 1981. She is the author of *Evaluating Information Retrieval Systems* (1979).

Dr. Kiewitt's dedication to the improvement of libraries both in the U.S. and abroad also qualifies her for the section's highest award. She chairs the Commission for International Library Assistance for the Association of Christian Librarians. Her consultancys have taken her to China, Jamaica, and Trinidad.

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The EBSS Advisory Council met Sunday, January 11, 1998 at the ALA Midwinter Conference in New Orleans. The major agenda items are reported as follows: Options for participation in ACRL'S 9th Annual Conference in Detroit, April 1999, will be pursued; including a social event, assisting in staffing the ACRL membership booth, distributing the revised EBSS membership brochures, a round table discussion group.

The conference theme is *Racing Toward Tomorrow*. Using Speakerphones at EBSS meetings was reported to be too expensive for the EBSS budget. Victoria Montavon agreed to take the issue to the ACRL section meeting. Dorothy Persson reported on the 1998 Conference Program, to be held on Monday, June 29, 10AM to noon. (See page 8 for further details.) Jan Wilson reported that the 1999 program would relate to government resources for citizen education.

Message from the Chair

Nancy Becker

The last few months have been active ones for EBSS and I would like to spend a few moments bringing you up to date on activities of the section. Funds from ACRL were awarded to update our section brochure, and the Membership and Orientation Committee, under the leadership of Charles Thurston, designed a bold new publication outlining the mission and activities of our section. These brochures will increase awareness and foster greater participation.

The name change, to Publications & Communications Committee will require approval by a membership vote. I urge you to cast a favorable vote on the ALA Election Ballot.

Many thanks to Dorothy Persson for organizing the EBSS program Monday, June 29. [See page 8 for details)

1997 ACRL PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM--"IMAGINING THE LEARNING LIBRARY" NOW AVAILABLE ON VIDEOTAPE

Elisa Topper

Complete and abridged versions of the 1997 ACRL President's Program in San Francisco are now available for use by ACRL chapters as well as by libraries and individuals. The program, "Imagining the Learning Library", features presentations by Betsy Baker, of Northwestern University, and by members of the Disney "Imagineers".

The full program runs 2.5 hours on two half-inch tapes; the abridged version runs 72 minutes on one half-inch tape. To borrow the tape for a three-week period, send an ALA-approved inter-library loan form to the ALA Headquarters Library, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2795. A nominal fee maybe charged to cover postage. Advanced reservations for the tapes will be honored by calling 312-280-3277 or via e-mail atlarc@ala.org.

ACRL Ninth National Conference to take place in Detroit, April 8-11, 1999

Presenters are needed! ACRL'S next national conference has the theme: Racing Toward Tomorrow. Proposals for contributed papers and panel sessions will be due on June 15, 1998. Proposals for poster sessions will be due on November 1, 1998. Roundtable discussion topics will be due January 6, 1999. The conference theme and program tracks will be explored in six subthemes: creating lifelong learners; shaping the changing environment; changing work roles; developing alternate resources; expanding the knowledge base; and creating alliances and partnerships.

For further details on preparing a proposal and attending the conference, contact the ACRL Web site at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/preindex.html>. Or contact the ALA office at 50 East Huron Street Chicago, IL 60611; or E-mail Mary Ellen Davis at medavis@ala.org.



Additional Conferences of Interest to EBSSers

Helga B. Visscher

Many members of EBSS work in libraries supporting programs educating school librarians and school media specialists. IASL, the International Association for School Librarianship, can be a forum of interest. The 1998 IASL conference will be July 5-10 at Bar Ilan University in Israel, in conjunction with the annual meeting of Israeli school librarians. The 1999 IASL meeting will be in Birmingham, AL, November 10-14, held with the AASL, - American Association of School Librarians. For further information about the conferences or for membership information e-mail iasl@rockland.com or visit the IASL web site <http://www.rhi.hi.is/~anne/iasl.html>.

EBSS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Lorna Lueck, University of California, Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara, CA.

At the Midwinter meeting committee members developed procedures for maintaining and updating the CMC Webliography, an electronic publication listing selected Web sites for education librarians. The Webliography is currently linked to the EBSS Web page. The committee plans to expand the publication by adding sections on educational administration, special education, and online journals. Other sections will be updated and reviewed regularly. Committee members will also begin preliminary research for a possible publication outlining guidelines for the evaluation of curriculum materials centers.

Committee Reports: Distinguished EBSS Librarian Award Committee

Leslie Bjorncrantz, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

See story on Page 2.

Committee Reports: EBSS Government Policy Committee

Paul Hinton, IU-PU-I, Indianapolis, IN

At the San Francisco annual meeting the committee continued to consider its charge. Recognizing that possible overlap with other ALA efforts might entail diminished committee role(s) or even terminating the committee, the central issue discussed was the committee charge and what should be done to make recommendations to the EBSS Advisory Council. We considered what other ACRL groups were doing pertaining to related government issues. After considerable discussion, the committee decided to do the following:

- a. Continue to gather information about other government policy monitoring efforts within.
- b. Keep current with ALA/ACRL by looking at the ALA handbook for relevant groups and charges.
- c. Send queries to everyone on the EBSS list asking for opinions and/or comments concerning two key components of the Committee's charge. The

components of the charge are "To monitor federal legislation and other governmental issues of interest to the EBSS Community," and to "report back to the EBSS membership." input would be solicited via e-mail from those on the EBSS listserv on the following topics: 1. What concerns do you have about federal legislation as it pertains to or impacts libraries in Education and the Behavioral Sciences? 2. What other government issues are you concerned about as these pertain to or impact libraries in Education or the Behavioral Sciences? d. Use this information to develop recommendations for committee action.

Committee Reports: Instruction for Educators, Committee

Dane Ward, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

At the Midwinter meetings, the Instruction for Educators Committee continued its energetic planning of an ambitious book project on collaboration that is expected to have applications (and impact) all across academia. Tentatively called *Connections: Ideas for Librarian ' Faculty Collaboration* the work will consist of seven sections compiled and partly written by committee members. Sections include 1) an introduction and overview of collaboration. 2) a literature review, 3) a directory of organizations and electronic resources, 4) 'catalog' of short narratives, 5) longer case studies of outstanding collaborative programs, 6) the dos and don'ts of collaboration, and 7) future prospects. The Committee's discussion resulted in a slight redefinition of project parameters. The project will look broadly at collaboration as it occurs throughout higher education. This decision resulted from our recognition that partnerships in education have great similarities to other collaborative efforts on campus. Several action statements also resulted from this meeting. First, Committee members will seek faculty participation in developing, each section. Second, members will complete rough drafts of all sections by our next meeting at the Annual Conference in Washington. And finally, we will continue to pursue publication by a non-library publisher, such as ACE, in order to obtain a wide readership among classroom faculty.

Attending members of this enthusiastic

Committee included Jean Caspers, Doug Cook, Bee Gallegos, Shellie Jeffries, Katy Lenn, Helga Visscher and Dane Ward (Chair). Our most welcome visitors included Tom Wright, James Cook and Jeannine Finn.

Committee Reports: Membership and orientation Committee.

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

Some 20 EBSSers shared a convivial Social Hour late Saturday afternoon, January 10, in New Orleans, and plan to repeat the event at the Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

The committee promises to distribute a revised section brochure in Washington. The committee is also revising selected pages in the section *Orientation Manual*.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee

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

The committee announced the following slate of candidates for the Spring '98 election: (1) Vice Chair / Chair Elect, Ellen D. Gilbert and Dane M. Ward, and (2) Member at Large, Ellie Marsh and Lorene R. Sisson.

Committee Reports: Psychology / Psychiatry Committee:

Jane McKeever, University of Chicago, IL

Plans were discussed for the Psychology / Psychiatry Committee's sponsored tour of the headquarters of the American Psychological Association (APA) in Washington, DC during the 1998 ALA conference. The tour will be from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Monday, June 29. The tour is open to all interested ALA members, although it is limited to 40 persons. Participants will have a chance to see the operations of the APA's books department, journals department, **PsycInfo** and the APA library. See the registration information on page 8.

Other topics were covered at the committee's midwinter meeting. A representative from **PsycInfo's** User Services presented an update on recent

developments with vendors and the database. An update was given on the Test Collections **Directory** project, and individuals volunteered to continue to work with the Ad Hoc Committee on the preparation of this **Directory**. The **PsycPsyc** Committee discussed ongoing negotiations with **Erlbaum** publishers for permission to post the "BI Guidelines for Psychology" on the EBSS website. The Executive Board of the Society for the Teaching of **Psychology** voted to collaborate with the EBSS **PsycPsyc** Committee on projects of mutual concern. Discussions will continue with this organization to decide on priorities for specific projects.

Committee Report: Publications & Communications Committee:

Barbara Kemp, SUNY Albany, NY

During the Midwinter Conference in New Orleans, the Publications Committee assigned liaisons to several EBSS committees proposing or actively working on publications: Kathy Cook is the liaison for the revision of the Orientation Manual and Joan Fiscella and Helga Visscher will continue as the liaisons to the Reference Sources and Services Committee and the Instruction for Educators Committee respectively. Francine DeFranco was appointed as liaison to the Curriculum Materials Committee. She will also be the liaison to two ad hoc committees: **Directory** of Test Collections and Curriculum Materials Centers Management. Barbara Kemp will serve as liaison to the Social Work/ Social Welfare Committee. The large number of liaison responsibilities reflects the very active nature of the EBSS committees, as more committees will be developing proposals for both print and electronic publications. The Committee is also responsible for the EBSS Newsletter, Home Page and Listserv.

Additional members interested in serving on the Committee are welcome. Please contact me for more information or Jan Wilson, the Vice Chair/ Chair-Elect to volunteer. It should be noted that this is the last report of the Publications Committee. We now have a new name, Publications and *Communications Committee*. This more accurately reflects the broad nature of our responsibilities within the section. The **Advisory** Council approved the name change on January 11, 1998.

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EBSS Committee Reports -- continued

Committee Reports: Reference Sources and Services Committee.

Ann Page Mosby, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

At the New Orleans Midwinter Conference the Reference Sources and Services Committee continued working on the publication project which would be addressed to faculty and graduate students in the field of higher education. Time line and goals were set for database searching, drafting and editing a document, and selecting a publication to reach our intended audience.

Committee Reports: Social World Social Welfare Committee

Ellen Gilbert, Rutgers University, Rutgers, NJ

The Social Work / Social Welfare Committee reiterated its commitment to its Literacy Project and **agreed** to produce an online version that would include introductory material followed by research sections organized by fields of practice and by proficiencies / **competencies**. The organization in www format will be based on a metadata model whereby the citations can automatically be inserted in the appropriate practice area section(s). The ACRL / EBSS / SWSW program planning group for 1999 has been formed and is starting that process. Committee members may visit **NASW** when we are in DC at Annual.

From the Vice-Chair / Chair Elect - Jan Wilson

I am happy to report that this Spring I have appointed over 50 EBSS members to Section committees. These new appointees will begin their two-year terms after Annual, 1998. They will join over 25 continuing committee members in accomplishing the work of the section.

These 75+ committed volunteers represent a wide range of U. S. academic librarians: from big schools and small, east coast to west, seasoned professionals as well as those early in their careers. Many have built up significant achievements in their state or local professional associations, or established expertise in areas of academic or educational/behavioral sciences librarianship.

We appreciate the time, energy, and financial resources that all of these committee members bring to bear on our behalf. Without them, newsletters would not be produced, bibliographies and guidelines not written, programs not planned, nor important professional problems addressed. EBSS would be an empty shell. Thank you!

If you would like to join the ranks of these extraordinary people, please respond next spring when the new EBSS Vice-Chair calls for volunteers.

Committee Reports: Ad Hoc Committee on the Test Collection Directory.

Paul Fehrmann, Kent State University, Ohio; and Nancy P. O'Brien, Co-Chairs; written by Nancy P. O'Brien, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign.

This recently created **committee** had a productive session in New Orleans. Accomplishments included **drafting** a charge and a purpose for the **committee**, subsequently approved by the ACRL Advisory council; reviewing the process for developing a test collection directory; **and**, assigning tasks to various members to begin the process. Future activities will include drafting an e-mail survey and determining how to distribute the survey electronically. Guidance from the Publications / Communications Committee in the person of **Francine DeFranco** will be forthcoming as the project works through its two year deadline.

Only those test collections which allow access to students and researchers will be included in the **directory**. Further parameters will be considered as the committee forges ahead. N. O'Brien has agreed to set up an electronic distribution list for committee members and interested others. Anyone wishing to receive communications about this committee should contact her at n-obrien@uiuc.edu.

**ALA Annual Conference, Washington, DC- June 25 – July 2,1998
EBSS Meetings**

Information on meeting times and locations were not available from ALA as this newsletter went to press. Please check the EBSS webpage closer to the date. (See page 1 for Web address information) AU committee chairs will be notified of meeting times and places, so also check with committee chairs (see page 6 for contact addresses) closer to the conference time for more details.

**Equity in Education in the Electronic Age, Washington, DC - June 29, 1998,10AM – 12 Noon
EBSS Program at the Library of Congress**

A program entitled "Equity in Education in the Electronic Age" will be presented on June 29,1998, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the Library of Congress. Jefferson Building, Room LJ-1 19, Washington DC. Speakers include: Naomi Karp, Director of the National Institute on Early Childhood Development and Education; Carol Rasco, Director of the America Reads Challenge and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Education; Dr. Cad Smith, Director of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Reading, English and Communication. The invited speakers will comment on issues related to equitable access for all. Children's access to technology and their development of the necessary reading and critical thinking skills to appropriately use that technology will be addressed. The speakers will challenge librarians to take an active leadership role in shaping educational policy that ensures that each individual has the opportunity and the skills to access information in the electronic age. The program is sponsored by the following ACRL/Education and Behavioral Sciences Section; ALA/Committee on Legislation/Task Force on America Reads; U. S. Department of Education /National Library of Education. All are welcome to attend

Tour the American Psychological Association on June 29, 199810AM – 12:30 PM

The staff of the American Psychological Association has graciously agreed to host a tour of their facility in Washington, DC. Space is limited to the first 40 registrants. Awaiting list will be established once the limit of 40 is reached. Registration deadline is June 15*. Each of the 40 registrants will receive a confirmation and directions to the APA offices, located near Union Station. For additional information, contact Carolyn Gosling, of APA, at 1-800-374-2722. To register send a message including your

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