

Committee on Education
Minutes of the meeting held June 24, 2006
New Orleans, LA

Committee Members Present: L. Roy, F. Black, E. Harger, C. R. Kem, K. Neufeld, F. Novak, P. Seiden

Liaisons Present: J. Budd, L. Slusar,

Guests N. Bolt, R. Dougherty; B. Hallmark, S. McCaslin, C-F P. Lin, L. Farmer
D. O'Conner

ALA Staff: D. Davis, L. Swader

Chair L. Roy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Welcomes and introductions were made.

The minutes from the January 21 meeting were approved.

LTA Director's Survey: L. Slusar distributed copies of a survey conducted of the more than LTA programs in the U.S. Note that there is no form of accreditation for LTA programs but many follow the list of courses recommended by ALA (draft "Statement of Core Competencies," July 2005). The purpose of the survey was four-fold: 1) to provide visibility to LTA programs to help a potential student choose one, 2) to create awareness of LTA educational efforts, 3) to create a resource and springboard for new LTAs, and 4) to explore applicability of results for a future discussion of accreditation. Discussion was held about the survey with issues raised about the COE revisiting the LTA criteria document in future meetings especially the required technology skills. L. Swader said that COE could receive a copy of the document to review before Midwinter. COE decided to add the topic to the next meeting agenda.

New Report on Certification of Support Staff: N. Bolt passed out copies of the LSSCP overview and invited the COE to participate in discussion about creating a certification program for support staff. Many state libraries have a program but no national program with competencies exists. N. Bolt asked the COE to appoint two people to the task force; a task force meeting is planned for spring 2007. F. Novak volunteered to be on the task force and P. Seiden agreed to also serve. F. Black made a motion to appoint Novak and Seiden. and Kem seconded. The motion passed.

WebJunction's E-Learning Clearinghouse List of Grants and Scholarships: L. Roy provided an update on WebJunction's E-learning Clearinghouse, which was being demonstrated in the exhibits area. L. Swader said discussions were underway to add the list of grants and scholarships to the clearinghouse. H.W. Wilson and the COE have the list in a .pdf version. COE members agreed that they did not have a problem with the list being online.

Conference within a Conference for Library Support Staff: L. Swader said the empowerment conference was taking place at ALA annual with 135 registrants. L. Swader said that a planning committee for the 2007 conference within a conference will be a subcommittee of the conference committee.

New ALA Committee on Scholarships and Study Grants: L. Swader said the committee is off and running with the first meeting held at the 2006 ALA Midwinter Meeting. She observed that the new committee was productive and currently involved in creating a scholarship manual.

Statement on Core Competencies: The COE forwarded comments on the competencies. L. Swader shared copies of the latest report. A new document was being drafted to address the comments, she said.

IMLS Study on the Future of the Library: The papers for the IMLS funded Student on the Future of the Library Workforce are on the Web site. L. Roy told the committee she would forward the URL (<http://libraryworkforce.org>).

Study of Spectrum Scholarship Recipients: L. Roy said the study results and report were in the hands of ALA pending release and a link on the ALA Office For Diversity web site.

Update on Task Force on Library School Closings: There was no new news to share but the committee agreed this was an important issue to keep on the agenda.

COE Forum for ALA/MW 2007 in Seattle: L. Roy said Michael Gorman and Leslie Burger had no issues with COE assuming responsibility for planning and organizing the forum started by Gorman during his ALA Presidency. J. Budd said ALISE heartily endorses the idea. The Committee briefly discussed what the format might look like. J. Budd address to head up a task force to address the content and planning. The issue of funding was also raised. E. Harger agreed to serve on the task force with J. Budd, along with K. Neufeld. L. Swader said she would be in touch with the task force after July 5.

IFLA Education and Training Section Update: T. Weech will give a report at the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle.

Gorman's Teleconference on Library Education: J. Budd said the teleconference was very well received with 6,000 viewers at 6,000 sites and follow-up discussions at many sites. R. Dougherty said they were flooded with questions, a marker of great interest.

Gorman's Forum on International Education: About 89-100 people attended President Gorman's second Form on education. A comment was made to make the papers available on a non-member protected Web page.

Establishment of a New COE Subcommittee for Orientation: L. Roy thanked the COE members whose term was ending and noted that the need exists to provide

orientation to new members. L. Swader suggested that the first hour of the meeting at the next midwinter include a briefing on committee issues for new members. F. Novak said it would also be helpful to have historical information available online. F. Black volunteered to compile a list of the two top COE issues identified by each member.

Education Assembly: L. Roy noted that the education assembly meeting would be held after the end of the COE meeting.

Scheduling of Meeting Times at ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference in 2007: The need to double check meeting times was noted as was the issue of whether to have one long meeting on Saturday. Scheduling conflicts could exist with the membership meeting.

Discussion on Campaign for America's Libraries: L. Roy told the Committee they had received copies of literature related to renewal of the Campaign. She asked members to send her their comments.

L. Roy's Presidential Initiative, "Supporting LIS Education through Practice": D. O'Connor and J. Budd have joined L. Roy's task force for this initiative.

New Chair of COE: L. Roy congratulated D. O'Connor on his appointment as the new chair of the COE.

Chair L. Roy adjourned the meeting.