

**ACRL Instruction Section
Emerging Technologies in Instruction Committee Meeting
2005 Annual Conference – Chicago, IL**

**Saturday, June 25, 2005, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Chicago Marriott Downtown, Los Angeles/Miami Room**

Members Present: Kate Adams, Terrence Bennett (intern), Michael Bolam, Diane Dallis, Jennifer Knievel (co-chair), Kathy Magarrell (co-chair), Michael Pasqualoni, Barbara Petersohn, Melissa Prescott, Mark Szarko, Susan Vega Garcia

Members Excused: Caroline Cason, Corey Johnson

Visitors: Lori DuBois (IS Executive Committee liaison), Courtney Greene (incoming member), Carole Svensson (incoming member)

1. Introductions – members and guests introduced themselves.
2. Announcements
 - Mark Szarko and Susan Vega Garcia will be the new committee co-chairs.
 - Michael Bolam is resigning from the committee, as a result of a shift in his professional responsibilities
3. Chairs' report from the Instructions Section Executive Committee / Advisory Council
 - Reminder from Advisory Council that the IS dinner survey is coming – please respond.
 - ACRL would like suggestions (from committee members in IS and other sections) about ways that ACRL can offer more to its members. See Item 8, below.
 - Upcoming meeting (6/25/2005, 5:00 p.m.) for public review of decisions related to the “IS of the Future” recommendations.
 - Reminder of Teaching Methods Committee brainstorming session (6/25/2005, 3:30 p.m.).
 - Reminder of IS program and awards ceremony (6/26/2005, 1:30 p.m.)
4. PRIMO report from summer round of submissions
 - 16 submissions; abnormally low number may be the result of difficulty with the server.
 - 4 projects were accepted (25%)
5. PRIMO status report
 - Prototype of new PRIMO database was sent out to committee members last week. Lori has been working with ALA programmers to refine the layout, work out a few bugs, and respond to suggested revisions. Changes should be completed in time for the next round of reviews. Reporting functionality is missing.
6. PRIMO Site of the Month assignments
 - Action Item – Site of the Month columns assigned as follows:
 - August: Carole Svensson, Site #227
 - September: Courtney Greene, Site #234
 - October: Kate Adams, Site #233
 - November: Michael Pasqualoni, Site #232
 - Discussion concerning how to conduct Site of the Month interviews; guidelines for length, type of questions, etc.

- Review of procedures for completing and submitting Site-of-the-Month column.

7. Information Technology Tips & Trends

- Update: Former model involved posting a discussion question to ILI-L and other relevant listservs, then compiling responses. New mode: post a brief article to Etech committee website, reporting on the use of new technologies.
- Clarification of project plan: Kate's article on clicker culture at the University of Nebraska elicited feedback from other committee members, but not from anyone else. Discussion of whether a different approach is needed. Not necessarily, this seems to function as expected – a description of a new technology, with insight into possible applications for library instruction. Suggestion that perhaps some context where these articles appear on the committee website (“why this is here”) would help make the project more successful.
- Action Item – upcoming articles assigned as follows:
 - July: Courtney Greene, Blackboard
 - October: Carole Svensson, Tablet PCs

[Aside from Jennifer to new co-chairs: will need to decide whether to continue to use Yahoo Group to communicate with committee members. Lori: ALA/ACRL is pilot testing new online community software; if adopted, there may be a gap during transformation from email lists to new communications software. Jennifer: suggestion that it may be most seamless to continue using Yahoo Group.]

8. Discussion

- “Emerging” criterion in evaluation of PRIMO submissions – continuation of discussion from Midwinter meeting. PRIMO accepted sites lately seem to be more reflective of best practices rather than emerging technologies. It may be impossible / inappropriate to reconsider one criterion in isolation; perhaps it's time to review all evaluation criteria. Discussion will continue.
- PRIMO committee (separate from Etech) and IS reorganization. Watch as “IS of the Future” recommendations move forward. If PRIMO is established as a separate committee, this change would not take effect until 2006-2007.
- Feedback requested on what ACRL can do for division members. Ideas included the following:
 - Reconsideration of pre-conferences (expense and time are both issues); perhaps some of the same content could be delivered within the conferences.
 - Offering more technical training, instruction, awareness.
 - More regional programs, and other venues for information sharing at the regional level (there was significant endorsement for this idea).
 - More online programs, particularly if offered asynchronously.
 - Suggestion that this question be put out to ILI-L for further comments (feedback from conference non-attendees is essential).

9. Wrap-up

- Many thanks to Jennifer and Kathy for their exemplary leadership!

Time adjourned: 3:10 p.m.

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