

LPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
ALA Annual Conference, June 28, 2008, 10:30am to Noon,
Anaheim Hilton, Conference Room 10, Anaheim

Present: Kelly Janousek, Chair; Kathi Fountain; Ann Marshall; Bruce Pencek; Chad Kahl; Brian Coutts; Beth Dupuis, ACRL Board Liaison; Adam Burling, ACRL Staff Liaison; Mary Gilles, Recorder

Guest: Erik Estep

1. Call to Order.

Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:30am and introduced the members.

2. Approval of Minutes.

The amended minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Announcements

Kelly announced the new officers. Erik Estep was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect. Lisa Norberg was elected Member-at-large.

Brian confirmed plans for Marta Lange/CQ Award event.

5. Discussion with ACRL Board Liaison Beth Dupuis

Beth reported that the proposed ACRL bylaw regarding the establishment of interest groups passed. Also, discontinuation of section bylaws passed; sections will now use operating guidelines instead of bylaws. This will streamline the process for making section changes. Sections will rely on ACRL by-laws.

Beth reported that by 2010 the number of conference days will be reduced. ACRL has reviewed section programs in terms of topic overlap, evaluations and attendance and decided to implement division-wide coordination of programming. This will involve a coordinating committee. Beth asked for LPSS feedback on this development. Members noted that we don't want smaller section programming to get lost. There is a need for quality programming but how can it be guaranteed? We don't want specialized topics to get lost. ACRL could move from the practice of every section chair always having a program. Perhaps the division should develop themes that sections could plug into. Beth stated that ACRL is encouraging program partnerships across divisions.

Kathi noted that ACRL seems to be moving from a decentralized mode of operation to a centralized one. Sections need flexibility and don't want ACRL to mandate from the top. Kelly asked if ACRL has looked at the RUSA model. One suggestion was to consolidate all section awards into a single division-wide ceremony.

Ann expressed the section's appreciation for changing from bylaws to operating guidelines. Beth cautioned against any ALA entity sending emails endorsing a candidate for a political office.

6. Old Business

a. ACRL Council of Liaison application status

Mary reported for Connie Stoner that Connie intended to submit the application that week. Kelly noted that the Western European Studies Section is interested in supporting LPSS' application and will discuss it.

b. Web Page (C. Kahl)

Chad reported that he has updated the current LPSS website and distributed a site map. He will update after conference and then begin discussing the new website.

c. LPSS master schedule (K. Janousek)

Kelly reported that moving to a master LPSS schedule is proving difficult. LPSS tweaked its schedule and then ALA changed its schedule. Kelly has been frustrated with trying to fit into the ALA schedule. Kelly will take this issue to the LPSS Review and Planning Committee. We may see a few years of flux regarding the LPSS conference schedule as ALA and ACRL make changes.

d. Political Science Research Competency Guidelines status (K. Fountain)

Kathi reported that the guidelines are almost complete. The ACRL Standards and Accreditation Committee will vote on the guidelines on Sunday. Bruce asked how often the guidelines will be reviewed. The guidelines themselves are intended to be stable, but the examples will be updated, as appropriate. ACRL has agreed to LPSS' updating the examples, as long as the guidelines are maintained as approved.

7. New Business

a. ACRL Membership Committee and Senior LPSS Membership Chair uncoupled (B. Pencek)

The senior LPSS Member-at-Large chairs the LPSS Membership Committee, so the chairmanship changes annually. That person also serves on the ACRL Membership Advisory Committee. Bruce noted that this puts LPSS at a disadvantage because there is no continuity on the ACRL Membership Advisory Committee. He recommended that the roles be "uncoupled." Kelly suggested having the LPSS Review and Planning Committee consider this issue.

b. Wiki for LPSS goals

LPSS does have a wiki spot on the ALA website. It will be linked from the LPSS website. The Publications Committee will focus on the wiki.

c. Preconference APSA 2009 Toronto & ACRL booth

Ann noted that LPSS was funded to have a booth at APSA in 2009, as part of the section's Action Plan. Funding was also provided for LPSS members to attend and staff the booth. Ann asked how we present ourselves in a venue like that. The Publications Committee should consider this. The Instruction Committee might develop handouts for distribution. GODORT might be an appropriate partner. ACRL will not fund a booth indefinitely so what do we do after the first time, if we want to continue? No answers were suggested. The individuals who will staff the booth have not yet been identified. Adam reported that LPSS has remaining action plan money. LPSS could apply to use the money next year. LPSS would need to make the request by August 15. The first step is to apply for approval to roll over and then get approval for specific uses. Ann

would like to see the effort realize more than one year's benefit. The Instruction Committee is interested in developing materials relevant to the guidelines that can be used with political science faculty. Ann suggested using \$500 for instruction materials and \$500 for the short course. Ann will apply for roll over and the Executive Committee supported the action.

d. Action plan roll over

This item was dealt with in 7. c.

e. Member appreciation

Ann wants each LPSS member to select one to three of his/her guides, handouts, or items of interest to link from the LPSS website. This will add valuable content to the LPSS website and acknowledge the work of members. The Executive Committee supported this activity.

f. LPSS event at ACRL Seattle 2009

This item was dealt with in 7.g.

g. Virtual meetings for Midwinter 2009

Ann noted that LPSS can choose to not hold in-person committee meetings at Midwinter in Denver, but committees must hold a synchronous meeting at some time during the year and the meeting must be announced publicly. Ann suggested having chairs poll members about holding a meeting at the ACRL Conference in Seattle in April 2009. Members did not support trying to meet officially at ACRL. LPSS might require committees to meet prior to General Membership meeting at Midwinter and have chairs report virtually. Options will be explored further. Ann suggested asking the Membership Committee to organize a social at the ACRL Conference.

h. Sections from Bylaws to policies and procedures (document)

Kelly noted that the Review and Planning Committee will review this on Sunday.

8. Adjournment

Kelly adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.