

**LPSS General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**ALA Annual Conference, Chicago**  
**Sunday, July 12, 2009, 10:30am-11:30am**  
**Palmer House Hilton**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Ann Marshall, LPSS Chair, welcomed members to the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

- Approval of the Minutes ALA Midwinter 2009  
The minutes were approved as distributed.

- Approval of the Agenda  
The agenda was approved.

**II. Liaison Reports**

- John Hernandez (GODORT)

John reported that the GODORT Program on Monday will focus on kids and government information. GODORT is planning a pre-conference for next year dealing with transparency. Next year's program is on the workings of Congress, referred to as the "sausage" part. John represented LPSS at a session including sections/roundtables that discussed skill needs regarding government information; there is a need for continuing education and government information/knowledge needs to be transferred from retiring librarians to new librarian. A report of the session will be sent to ALA.

- Merle Slyhoff (AALL)

Ann reported for Merle. AALL is offering webinars and revising competency guidelines. They have developed a Career Center on their website and are emphasizing advocacy.

- Other

There were no other liaison reports.

**III. Committee Reports & Task Force Reports**

- Conference Program Planning – Chad Kahl and Evan Rusch

Chad reported that 80 people attended the LPSS program titled, "Political Engagement: Facilitating Greater Participation in Civil Society". The speakers were Elizabeth Hollander, Senior Fellow, Tufts University's Tisch College, and former Executive Director of Campus Compact; Nancy Kranich, Lecturer, Rutgers School of Communication, Information and Library Sciences, and former President of the American Library Association; and Joanne Griffin, Business Reference Librarian, and Holly Sorensen, Assistant Director, Des Plaines Public Library – the site of the FY 2006 LSTA-funded Building Community through Creative Conversations program. There was a good mix of public and academic librarians in attendance. There were good questions after the panel presentation. The session was podcasted.

Evan reported that the 2010 program planning group is looking at ipolitics, using the Internet for social, community, and political activism. The program may be campaign oriented.

- Library Instruction – Chris Palazzolo

Chris reported that the Committee worked with Program Planning on developing the pathfinder distributed at the program. Chris noted that the panelists complimented the pathfinder. The Committee is developing a brochure of the Political Science Research Competency Guidelines which will be available in the LPSS booth at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference. The Committee may host a round table session near the time of Midwinter.

- Marta Lange/CQ Award – Leslie Homzie

Ann reported for Leslie. The recipient of the award is Lynne Rudasill. Ann encouraged members to attend the reception, even if they hadn't RSVP'd.

- Membership Committee – Brian Coutts

Dennis Lambert reported for Brian. He noted that the Committee had sent a letter to 60 new and dropped members during the first half of 2009. The Committee hosted the LPSS social on Friday, attended by 12 people. The Committee members were unable to attend ACRL 101 on Saturday morning, but Kelly Janousek represented LPSS. Dennis noted that LPSS needs to be represented at this session to attract new members. There was a suggestion to have LPSS bookmarks to distribute. The Committee had several suggestions for membership: identify political science librarians at academic libraries and find out if they are members of LPSS; secure funding to support attendance of young LPSS members to Conference; recruit young members for the Membership Committee; connect with library school students at institutions near Conference sites.

- Nominating Committee – Bruce Pencek

Bruce reported that the Committee is soliciting nominations for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Member-at-Large positions and have some possibilities.

- Publications Committee – Lucy Lyons

Lucy announced that the Fall 2009 issue of LPSS News will be the last paper issue. Distribution of the electronic edition of LPSS News will be via the listserv. Publications plans to talk with Membership about getting LPSS members subscribed to the listserv; not all members are at the present time. The Committee updated the web charge, using ACRL as a model. The Committee discussed putting research guides and software on the LPSS website and concluded that the endeavor exceeded the Committee's capabilities, so they will add links to large portals instead. The Committee will wait until the ACRL template is available and then proceed. The new Editor of LPSS News is Jodi Shepherd.

Ann commented that the website has been problematic for years. ALA is promoting its new ALA Connect, which replaces ALA Online Communities, and its potential for LPSS.

- Review and Planning – Kathi Fountain

Kathi reported that she and Kelly Janousek have been meeting virtually, working on converting section bylaws into governing procedures. Kelly and Ann will focus on action plan concepts next year and will work with in-coming vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Chris Palazzolo.

- Vendor and Publisher Relations – Barbara Morgan

Barbara reported that the Discussion Group is titled “Political Science Databases and Vendors Roundup: EBSCO, ProQuest, and Sage.” The participants and products are: Craig Brandt, Director, Humanities and Social Sciences, EBSCO Publishing - Political Science Complete, Public Affairs Index, International Political Science Abstracts; Jill Blaemers, Senior Product Manager, Social Sciences, ProQuest - Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, PAIS, ProQuest Political Science; and David Horwitz, Vice President of Sales, Sage Publications - Sage Full Text Collection for Political Science. Barbara will moderate the session. Each vendor will respond to a set of questions they have been provided; there will be time for questions from those in attendance. An article will be written for LPSS News. Barbara also noted that the Committee has identified products for reviews.

- APSA Short Course Task Force – Bruce Pencek

Bruce reported that the short course is free to those attending the APSA Conference; he asked members to encourage faculty to go early and attend the short course. Derrick L. Cogburn is the invited speaker and the short course will focus on collaboration at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

- Communities of Practice, Exec Committee – Ann Marshall

Ann reported that ALA has lost revenue from a decline in advertising and is looking for ways to cut back. ALA is condensing the length of conferences beginning with Midwinter. There have been glitches with online rosters and problems with ACRL software.

#### **IV. Old Business**

- Virtual Meetings – Erik Estep

Erik, in-coming LPSS Chair, reported that the virtual meetings held at Midwinter were very successful. Erik wants to hold virtual meetings again at next Midwinter and asked for comments. Some committees had better attendance than usual; email and virtual meetings worked well for the committees. John suggested that committees include a virtual session between conferences to enhance their ability to get work accomplished. Erik noted that LPSS would continue to have an in-person General membership meeting at Midwinter. Members supported meeting virtually again next Midwinter.

- LPSS Exhibit Booth at APSA – Ann Marshall

Ann reported that the booth is being funded by action plan money; the cost is \$1,500. The booth will promote LPSS and member publications. Members can mail Ann a copy of their publications and she will take them to the APSA Exhibits. Ann solicited volunteers to staff the booth; she has 6 passes to the APSA Exhibits which volunteers can use to see all the Exhibits. There is also money available for free give-aways, such as pens and pencils.

- ACRL Council of Liaison Application Status – Connie Salyers Stoner

Ann reported for Connie. Several applications were submitted; ACRL is close to a decision.

## **V. New Business & Announcements**

Erik reminded members that there is money available for action plans. He encouraged those present to be thinking about possibilities.

## **VI. Door Prizes**

The group enjoyed the politically oriented door prizes that Ann had selected and winners were delighted with their prizes.

Ann was heartily thanked for her hard work as Chair and was given a boisterous round of applause.

There being no further business, Ann adjourned the meeting.

Secretary: Mary Gilles

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