

**MARS Publications Committee
Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2006
Minutes**

Scheduled Meetings:

Saturday, June 24 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm—Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand Salon 6

Sunday, June 25 9:00 am – 10:00 am—Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand Salon 21 & 24

Members present: Deborah Bezanson, Hui Hua Chua, Marty Courtois, Shannon Jones, Wendi Kaspar, Carolyn Larson, Katherine Ott, Laura Probst, Ann Viles (facilitating)

Members not attending: Linda Lambert

Visitors: Kelley Lawton (ExComm liaison), Julien (Ching-en) Lee

1. Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Midwinter Meeting, January 2006, were read and approved.

3. Web Site Revisions

Publications plans to continue to monitor and facilitate MARS Web Site revisions but would like to request that our committee charge be expanded to include oversight of the Web Site, including functionality, usability, deadlines for submission of content, and liaison with committees.

Publications will hold a virtual meeting in late October/early November to discuss models for content on committee web pages and a year-long calendar for submitting information to update committee pages.

Marty Courtois and Ann Viles are serving as a sub-committee to draft an expanded paragraph about "Less formal Web products," which we will propose for inclusion in the orientation documentation for new committee chairs. The new paragraph will include a list of basic categories of information to be present on committee web pages and a list of approximate deadlines for submitting the various types of content to the Web Coordinator. Whenever possible, these deadlines will match the deadlines for submitting reports to Messages from MARS.

4. Messages from MARS/MARS-L

MARS-L currently has 501 subscribers. The editor Hui Hua Chua plans to send a message to members who are non-subscribers inviting them to subscribe.

5. Potential Publications

Katherine Ott is the Publications liaison with the RSS Virtual Reference Committee to assist them in planning a publication based on their proposed Conference Program on Learning Styles and Virtual Reference in 2007.

Laurie Probst is the liaison with the Management of Electronic Reference Services (MERS) Committee as they plan a web-based publication based on a peer-reviewed virtual poster session program in 2007.

Carolyn Larson is the liaison with the Education, Training & Support (ETS) Committee as they explore a possible web publication based on their program at this conference "Library Website as Branch Site."

All three of these committees have raised similar questions about our policies for web publications.

- What is the copyright policy for MARS web publications?
- Is it required that content reside on the MARS web site?
- How will publications be archived?
- What formats will be supported?

6. New Business

- Archiving Mars Web Pages

Shannon Jones and Marty Courtois will work as a subcommittee to draft guidelines for archiving MARS Web Site pages, similar to the guidelines on the ACRL site. Publications also proposes that MARS investigate commercial solutions for archiving the old Web Site. It is possible that the new Content Management System may be used for this purpose.

- Conference Program in 2008

Publications is considering a conference program in 2008 on evolving formats of scholarly publications. Wendi Kaspar will lead this initiative.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Viles