

**MARS Publications Committee
Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 2007
Minutes**

Scheduled Meetings:

Saturday, June 23 – 1:30pm- 3:30pm - South American Room, Capitol Hilton – closed session (interview)

Sunday, June 24 – 8:00am – 10:00am - in conjunction with MARS All-Committee Meeting— Washington Room, Hotel Washington

Saturday:

Members present: Katherine Ott (facilitating), Carolyn Larson, Hui Hua Chua, Laura Probst, Deborah Bezanson, Mary Popp?

- We interviewed Keisha Garnett for MARS Web Coordinator position. Discussed candidate and drafted recommendation letter to be presented to MARS Executive Committee on Monday.

Sunday:

Members present: Deborah Bezanson, Hui Hua Chua, Shannon Jones, Katherine Ott, Laura Probst, Martin Courtois

Members not attending: Linda Lambert (Virtual), Ann Viles (Virtual), Carolyn Larson

Visitors: none

1. Minutes

The minutes from Midwinter, January 2007, were approved.

2. Introductions

- Meeting attendees introduced themselves.
- We reviewed the current roster for changes: Martin Courtois and Debbie Bezanson are going off committee. Laura Probst kindly agreed to serve another term. We have been assigned one new member Patricia West. I asked one more member be added to our roster.
- We looked at the subcommittee liaison assignments and reassigned those that needed a liaison. Deborah Bezanson even though she is going off committee has agreed to liaison with the Executive committee, Products and Services committee, and Achievement recognition committee. Shannon Jones agreed to take the Outreach Committee and Laura Probst agreed to take the User Access committee. When the new committee member is present we will reassign committees so that members don't have more than 3 committees.

3. Updates:

- The Web guidelines document was going to be presented to MARS Executive Committee on Monday for approval. {Update: after much discussion, MARS Executive Committee suggested some revisions and we are reviewing the document again}
- The section review document was turned in. At the meeting we answered the additional questions the review committee gave to us. (see Questions)

- Archiving: We will use the Publications committee as a test for using ALA communities as an archiving tool. Some concerns raised were the logging in problem, the limited access for non ALA members, and the limited access to non committee members. All members of the publications committee will work to get access and try the system out. We will meet again at midwinter to discuss issues that we find and perhaps draft a document to MARS Executive Committee with suggestions on how to proceed.
- CMS: the April rollout did not happen, but Shannon is to be trained in July. She will then have a better understanding of the system and what it can do. She believes that the top level of documentation is good but she is worried about the second level information. We will know more after she is trained and working in the system.
- Interviews: Two official recommendations were written for MARS Executive Committee to approve the Web Coordinator and MARS Editor/MARS-L Moderator positions. They will be presented to MARS Executive Committee on Monday. {Update: MARS Executive Committee approved the applicants, they will begin their intern year now}

4. Questions:

- 9c – We believe there should be a summary on the web site, but more than that might be overkill except for president's programs.
- Top 3 Trends – social networking, shrinking computers/growing phones, metadata harvesting/cross institutional discovery
- What makes MARS unique? MARS originally had a reference tools focus, but as electronic means become more common other sections are focusing on these too. We believe that MARS should try for more of a leadership role in tool usage.

5. New Business:

- Shannon brought up making the web more active by having a place to host images and make them available. This would be a good tool for the Outreach committee to include in their promotions of MARS. We agreed to look at photo hosting sites like flickr and email each other opinions and options. We will bring our thoughts and findings to midwinter.

6. Subcommittee reports:

- MERS committee apologized to Shannon for sending their information so late.
- Since we were running short on time, we agreed to meet with our subcommittees as we were able. If we were unable to meet with the committees we would email the chairs and ask for new information or updates for us to be aware of. We will email subcommittee reports to the Publications committee as we received them.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Ott & Carolyn Larson