Minutes

Attending: Sarah Cornish Debraski, Linda Braun, Paula Behm-Heeger, Christine Allen, Mary Hastler, Francisca Goldsmith, Beth Yoke

Linda Braun acted as timekeeper
Sarah Cornish Debraski called the meeting to order at 4:35 EDT

Linda moved to adopt agenda with flexibility. Motion passed.

Action Items

1. YALS Editor Applicants
   Discussion of the deep applicant pool led to consensus to offer the position to Sarah Flowers, with a one-year contract renewable to a second year.

2. Preparation for Annual
   Discussion showed agreement that last year’s list of preparatory steps seems complete with minor updates.

3. Chair Preparation and Orientation for Annual
   Discussion indicated general satisfaction that new format seems to be headed in helpful direction. Decision made to deliver two mini sessions within the Leadership time block, in addition to table talk time for Chairs to meet with their Board liaisons. Mini sessions on producing results and creative problem solving seem warranted.

4. New Board Member Training in July
   Discussion of perceived needs of incoming Board members who are expected to hit the ground running immediately following Annual, with Board liaison assignments, as well as appropriate time management skills for attending to Board business in a timely fashion.

Discussion Items

5. Action Plan Progress
   Discussion of Goals 3 and 4 as rendered in the current format led to several changes:
Strategy 3-A changes
Remove lines about creating and disseminating white paper
Add “January 2011” as date for communicating with ALISE, timed with new research journal’s publication (Objective 1)

Strategy 3-B changes
Change “carry YALSA materials to state/regional conferences” to “distribute materials at state/regional conferences to inform members of opportunities to contribute to online research journal, Henne grant and other YALSA research support opportunities”
Change “CASLA” to ”Chief Officers of State Library Agencies”

Strategy 3-C through Strategy 3-E changes
Condense these to indicate that a full range of online opportunities be exploited
Add creation of research agenda to aid members in planning

Strategy 4-A changes
Remove section on rethinking training opportunities (from “Create task force to” through “rethinking training opportunities”)
Remove opening phrase “Based on findings of task force” and begin next section with “Develop a framework for two year’s continuing education…”

6. **Board Development**
The group concurred that the Board mentoring effort needs formalizing and that feedback should be sought from current participants to guide future mentoring efforts. There was general agreement that more Board development was needed and that this should be the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

7. **Preparing and Delivering Selected Lists**
Discussion led to the decision to bring forth to the Board a proposal to create a readers choice list that would engage members who cannot serve on selected list committees in person.

8. **Resources for IGs/DGs**
Due to a lack of time, this issue was not addressed during the meeting, but will be discussed via email between now and the annual conference.

9. **Committee Restructuring Update**
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10. **Financial Update**
Beth was complimented on the presentation of the report

11. **2010 Symposium Planning Progress Report**
Decision made to postpone call for proposals until May 8 in order to solidify theme/title.

12. **Chair Resources and Training Update**
   Due to a lack of time, this issue was not addressed during the meeting, but will be discussed via email between now and the annual conference.

Christine moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm EDT. Motion carried.