

American Library Association  
Committee Information Update

Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to **submit an update of their activities within one-month after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference.**

This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter   X   (We had both an in-person meeting at the conference and a phone meeting post conference, since many members were not able to attend the conference. This report reflects the activities and attendance at both meetings.)

Report for Annual Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Committee: Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL)

Committee Chair: Debbie Tenofsky

Committee Members Present: Melissa Lamont, Rayette Sterling, Alyssa Diekman, Erin Rushton, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Amy Jenkins, Karen Weaver, Paige Mano, Megan Hodge, Jane Williams

Committee Members Absent: LaBrunesh Easton, Theresa Darr

Others Present: Lorelle Swader (ALA Liaison), Beth Strickland (Guest), Cincy Ingold (Guest)

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:

1. Made progress towards creating the Caregivers Toolkit web site.
2. Continued to populate the COSWL Facebook, Twitter, blog, and web pages.
3. Will co-sponsor the Chicago fundraising event for the book, *Right Here I See Myself*. Proceeds of the selling of the book at this event will go towards building the National Women's History Museum on the Mall in Washington D.C. The authors will be on a book tour and at two other events in this series--one in New York and another in Washington D.C. They will be speaking at the Unconference on Feminism and LIS in Milwaukee.
4. Will create press release for Women's History Month in March.
5. Discussed the draft of the joint ACRL/WGSS, FTF, and COSWL gender study on ALA annual conference presenters.
6. Will collaborate with ACRL/WGSS and FTF to host the Annual 2012 Information about Women's Issues program on the topic of the gender study.
7. Discussed how COSWL fit into the 2015 ALA Strategic Plan.
8. Discussed whether to hold Midwinter meetings in person starting in 2013.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:

COSWL's work is reflected in many of the sections of the ALA 2015 Strategic Plan. COSWL is on target to achieve many of the goals of the Strategic Plan, including educating the members about the organization and emphasizing diversity within the organization.

Submitted by: \_Debbie Tenofsky\_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_February 28, 2012\_\_\_\_\_

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