

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 _____

Report for Annual Conference ___2013_____

Name of Committee:
Committee on Education

Committee Chair:
Karen E. Downing

Committee Members Present:

Present: Karen Downing (chair), Carol Ann Attwood (via Skype), Diane K. Dallis, Jeremy Dunn, Jordan Ashley Fields, Jasmina Jusic, Jennifer Andrews (Intern), Nancy Kendzior, Jose Aguinaga (ACRL-CJCLS), and Lorelle Swader (staff liaison).

Committee Members Absent:

Absent: Alys Jordan, Jessica Paulette Pryde (Intern), Louise Spiteri (ALISE), Jody Howard (AASL) and Cal Shepard (LEARNRT) and Alexia Hudson-Ward (ALA Executive Board)

Others Present:

Alexandra Rivera, Chair of COD, Cindy Cezak, ALA Councilor (**OTHERS?**)

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:

1. The Committee heard reports from our Executive Board liaison as well as from our ALA staff liaison
2. In light of the recent update of the Diversity Counts report (Oct 2012) and the recent ALISE Diversity Statement (2012), the Committee set up a new Diversity Working Group to audit what LIS programs are doing in terms of recruitment, retention and curriculum to diversify the LIS profession. We hope to discover some model practices to share at ALA Annual 2014.
3. The COE invited Cindy Cezak, an ALA Councilor who had drafted a council resolution titled "The People's Right to Know" to share her thinking and desired outcomes for the resolution. The resolution deals with asking the COA to require/ask LIS programs to collect and make public a variety of data regarding admissions requirements, variations in admissions, etc. Before the meeting, the COE polled several LIS programs to find out how this resolution might impact them. As a result of the discussion at the COE meeting, Ms. Cezak is rethinking her resolution.

4. The Committee invited Alexandra Rivera to present the COD's Council resolution affirming the Spectrum Program on its 15th anniversary. After hearing from Ms. Rivera, the COE voted to support the resolution.
5. For the Education Assembly, which occurs directly after the COE meeting, the COE put together a 45 minute program on the uses of technology for professional development.

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

Diversity Working Group Project

- A sub-group of volunteers will take on a project of reviewing IMLS grants that have been awarded in the past for diversity initiatives with the goal of developing best practices.
- There is a list of the grant programs and Karen will work on a way to share the report with the COE.
- Jennifer and Diane will be working with Karen on this project. They will try to reach out the ALISE representative on the COE for participating. They may also contact people outside of the COE who might have an interest in participating.
- This sub-group will work to have some preliminary work done that will enable a discussion or a report by ALA Midwinter or the ALISE conference.

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

Submitted by: ___Karen E. Downing

Date Submitted: ___9/20/13_____

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