

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 __2013_____
Report for Annual Conference _____

Name of Committee: ALA Conference Committee

Committee Chair: Rose Dawson

Committee Members Present: Mary McNroy, Robert Banks, Scott Muir, Jan Sanders, Mary Hastler, plus Paul Graller (staff), Mary Ghikas (staff), Carrie Mehrhoff (staff)

Committee Members Absent: Bobbi Newman, Willie Miller, Eugene Shimshock, Andre Maria Taylor (intern), Traccy-Lyn Van Dyne (intern)

Others Present: Ernie DiMattia (CPCT2013 – ERT), J. Linda Williams (Executive Board liaison)

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:

- Reviewed the results of the Conference Program Coordinating Team for 2013, which immediately preceded this meeting; CPCT identified issues for future consideration, including data curation, e-science/e-government and big data issues, health care reform, day-to-day issues such as workplace civility and job frustration.
- Recommended approval of the 2014 skeleton schedules to the ALA Executive Board. There are no substantive schedule changes from 2013 to 2014.
- Heard a report from ALA Conference Services and discussed several issues, including:
 - Plans for continual improvement of the conference experience.
 - Plans to digitally capture program content, starting in 2013.
 - Preliminary plans for the 2014 Annual Conference (Las Vegas).
 - Concepts for reducing conflict between committee obligations and program/networking opportunities.
 - 2013 Virtual Conference plans
 - 2013 Survey plans (Midwinter, Annual, Virtual)

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

- Continue continuous improvement work, based on survey results from 2013.
- Extend discussion of contention between meetings and programs/conversations, looking at various scheduling options.
- Work with 2014 CPCT (Las Vegas).

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

Submitted by: ___Rose Dawson, Chair, ALA Conference Committee_____

Date Submitted: __17 May 2013_____

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