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 Annual 2014

Name of Committee:
Committee on Education

Committee Chair:
Karen E. Downing

Present: Karen Downing (Chair), Susan Roman (incoming Chair), Alexia Hudson-Ward (Executive Board Liaison), Karen Gaviga, Teague Orblych, Michelle Kowalsky, Carol L. Tilley (ALISE), Miranda Bennett (incoming member) and Lorelle Swader (staff liaison).

Absent: Jim Elmborg, J. Drusilla Carter, Diane K. Dallis, Jeremy Dunn, Jordan Ashley Fields, Marc Gartler, Caitlin Moen (LEARNRT), Jennifer Andrews (Intern) and Mark Aaron Polger (Intern).

Others Present:
Alexandra Rivera (Diversity Working Group Co-Chair).

NOTE: The COE did not reach quorum for the first time in two years. One member’s flight was cancelled the morning of the meeting, and we were unable to Skype in two other members due to lack of Internet connectivity in the hinter-regions of the LVCC.

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:
1. The Committee heard reports from our Executive Board liaison (Alexia Hudson-Ward) as well as from our ALA staff liaison. As the outgoing Chair, I would like to thank both Alexia and Lorelle Swader for their outstanding support of this committee.
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 second Diversity Working Group during Annual 2013 to audit what LIS programs are doing in terms of recruitment, retention and curriculum to diversify the LIS profession. Since that time, we have contacted the ALA Committee on Diversity to collaborate on this work. COE and COD are each providing 3 members to work on the DWG. The original DWG was discharged with thanks. Alexandra Rivera (former Chair of the COD and a member of the original DWG) and Alanna Aiko Moore, current Chair of the COD are co-chairing the DWG. Alexandra updated us on the work to date including scoping the project, identifying which LIS programs the group will target (based on IMLS grants where diversity is an explicit part of their program), and their desire to interview PIs, students and staff at each
LIS program. The co-Chairs are planning to have a discussion about preliminary DWG findings at MW 2015, in conjunction with ALISE, perhaps at Education Assembly.

3. The COE has finished coordinating ALA member input into a review of the Certified Public Library Administrator standards. The COE put together 3 small working groups that reviewed the 9 CPLA standards. Each group provided feedback before the Annual meeting, and the Chair combined the feedback into one document for comment by COE members. The feedback will now go to the Executive Boards of PLA, LAMA, and ASCLA, which will have time to add their feedback. COE will then forward all the feedback to the CPLA Board by Fall 2014.

4. COE members attended the ALA Committee on Accreditation information session to provide feedback on the second draft of the accreditation standards. We regret that the co-Chairs of the accreditation review group could not join us for the COE meeting, but we were encouraged to attend the meeting on Monday of conference. We are certain ALA Council will look for the support of COE when they are asked to approve the revised standards in 2015.

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

**Diversity Working Group Project**
- Developing an interview instrument to illuminate best diversity practices in LIS programs
- COE and COD volunteers will interview LIS personnel that have been awarded IMLS grants 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.
- This sub-group will work to have some preliminary work done that will enable a discussion or an update by ALA Midwinter 2015 and the ALISE conference.

**CPLA Standards Review**
- 3 Working groups’ reports will be forwarded to PLA, ASCLA and LLAMA boards and then to the CPLA Board by Fall 2014

**Accreditation Standards Draft Review**
- COE will continue monitoring revised drafts of the COA standards review in anticipation of providing guidance on their adoption by ALA Council.

Submitted by: ___Karen E. Downing  
Date Submitted: __8/1/14______________________________

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