

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 ____2014_____

Name of Committee:
Committee on Education

Committee Chair:
Karen E. Downing

Committee Members Present:

Present: Karen Downing (chair), Diane K. Dallis, Jeremy Dunn (via Google Hangout), Jordan Ashley Fields (via Google Hangout), Jennifer Andrews (Intern), , 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

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 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. Alex Rivera (former Chair of the COD and a member of the original DWG) will co-chair the DWG (the other co-chair will be named shortly). We would like to have a discussion about the DWG findings at MW 2015, with input from ALISE.
3. The COE is coordinating ALA member input into a review of the Certified Public Library Administrator standards. The COE is putting together 3 small working groups that will review the 9 CPLA standards. They will provide feedback by Annual 2014. The feedback will then 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 early Fall 2014.

4. COE members attended both ALA Committee on Accreditation information sessions on the draft of the accreditation standards. At the second update session at MW, COE Chair Karen Downing provided feedback on the deletion of ALA Council in the draft document. Attendees were assured this was simply an oversight. COE will review the changes and will provide feedback to the COA in advance of their deadline.

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.

CPLA Standards Review

- 3 Working groups will provide feedback to the CPLA Board by Fall 2014

Accreditation Standards Draft Review

- COE subgroup will provide feedback to COA

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

It has become evident that stronger ties between ALISE and the COE would promote improved communication and collaboration. If the Association can defray the cost of a COE member to attend ALISE, or other important meetings such as <http://ipac.umd.edu/LISDIV-Welcome2014>, the COE would be able to play a more integral role in LIS education issues.

Submitted by: ___Karen E. Downing

Date Submitted: __2/20/14_____

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