

ACRL-LA Meeting
July 1, 2010
Meeting via Skype

Present: Kelly Blessinger, Tony Fonseca, Melissa Goldsmith, Jessica Hutchings, Megan Lowe, Michael Matthews, Karen Niemla

Call to order 2 pm

1. Tie Break in Presidential Vote

There was a tie (13 to 13) in the election for President Elect 2011 between Rob Bremer and Will Hires. The Bylaws state that the Executive Board will vote to break the tie.

The Executive Board discussed the advantages (pros) and disadvantages (cons) of each candidate for Vice President/President-Elect.

Executive Board Votes:

Rob Bremer: 4 votes

Will Hires: 3 votes

2. Karen's Video

Okay to put LOUIS YouTube video on ACRL-LA web site? Yes. Karen may create other videos as well and Mike could provide voices.

3. New standing committee chairs

Handing gavel over to Melissa, Deb has given a tentative yes for the Awards Committee; Tracy Hall is considering chairing the Membership Committee, Melissa will announce the chair the Bylaws Committee by the next meeting.

4. Treasurer's report

Current balance is \$3,090.55. Only expense was the Academic Meet and Greet at LLA 2010, which was \$219.36. One membership was added. More money might be coming in soon with the membership drive.

Should we the treasurer's reports on the website? No; however, members are welcome to contact the Executive Board (particularly the Treasurer) with their questions.

5. CODEX issues: Megan

Issues were highlighted by Rob Bremer in regard to copyright. EBSCOhost is contacting Megan to add *CODEX* to the database. Possibly *CODEX* could be indexed without the problems of providing the full text. Project MUSE could be another resource we could consider being indexed in. DOAJ is still in consideration.

We modeled CODEX after Collaborative Librarianship, so we might want to see what they do in regard to indexing.

Vote in regard to contract as it stands. Which includes giving EBSCO entire full-text rights. All present voted no.

6. Announcement of election results--Karen

President Elect: Rob Bremer

Treasurer: Kelly Blessinger

Sonnet Brown: Secretary

Jessica will write to all the candidates to let them know the results.

7. Quick report from Networked Digitized Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD).

Right now is the only university that is a member of NDLTD. Melissa will make a slide show to send out to the group.

The web site is www.ndltd.org. They are an international repository, and as universities complete their electronic theses and dissertations, they submit them to this repository (which is searchable and makes dissertations and theses accessible for free). They hold a conference yearly.

Yearly fee is \$300 per institution. They also have consortial rates. Participation is a great value for the money. They have a prize each year for best thesis as well as for innovative learning through ETDs. Texas and Ohio have established statewide consortiums. The Ohio one has had a leadership role for many years.

We have an opportunity to start a state wide initiative. Melissa would like to start a task force committee to mentor those who have questions regarding ETD's. The library's role is guaranteeing access. This would be an opportunity to showcase our expertise. Melissa would like to keep the dialog open. Melissa will talk to Sara Zimmerman once the dust settles.

There was some discussion regarding logistics at individual institutions.

8. Fall Meeting

Melissa would like to have a face to face meeting before school starts. She proposed the second week in August in a central location.

9. Other details:

Organization Renewal--Karen will send out a message to all of those who should renew.

Melissa will send us all fliers regarding ACRL-LA membership in MS Word as well as letter templates for members of the Board to use to draw in a more diverse membership (e.g., scholars, students, librarians from other states interested in Louisiana's college and research libraries).

Alma Dawson is going to find a new student representative from SLIS in the fall.

Karen would like to update the ACRL-LA website. She would like to have a blog on the front page. Melissa suggested a "students" tab and a "research" tab.

Adjournment at 3:15.