ACRL Residency Interest Group (RIG)
2009 Midwinter Meeting Agenda
Sunday, January 25th, 2009
12:00-1:30 PM
The Curtis Hotel, Patty Cake Room

Administrative Items
1. Welcome and introductions
   a. Damon Campbell, University of Tennessee-Kentucky
   b. Melissa Laning, University of Louisville
   c. Scott Mandernack, Marquette University
   d. Marilyn McClaskey, University of Minnesota
   e. Julie Brewer, University of Delaware
   f. Kathleen DeLong, University of Alberta
   g. Megan Perez, University of Arkansas
2. Minutes Recorder/Permanent Secretary Position
   a. Damon volunteered to record minutes for this meeting.
3. Listserv and blog migration
   a. Blog
      i. Right now, it’s a free Wordpress blog but it can be migrated to ACRL’s server with relative ease. A volunteer is not needed for this project. Jon Stahler at ALA is working with Megan on importing all of the files—images and docs will probably break. Megan will let the Group know when this process is taking place.
      ii. Our email listserv will now be the list hosted by ALA’s Sympa system.
         1. The old ARL hosted listserv will not be active after Midwinter
         2. Interested parties should subscribe themselves to the new list.
         Instructions on how to subscribe to the new list are available here: http://libraryresidents.wordpress.com/2008/12/12/were-moving-part-i/
         3. Megan has the ability to transfer people from the old list but wants people to take responsibility for their own subscription, and does not want to transfer names of individuals who do not want to continue on with the new listserv.
4. Convener/Incoming Convener Selection Process
   a. This is the most pressing issue. We need to document our electoral process.
      i. Megan suggested using the three-person, Past, Present, and Incoming Convener model. He also suggested alternating between coordinators and residents to that both parties are represented each year at Sections Council meetings.
      ii. How do we elect these individuals? Nomination from leadership? Ballots? It was decided by the members present that a call for expressions of interest...
should be set as a Midwinter Agenda item. This would allow the Group to know who will serve as incoming Convener from Midwinter onward. Right now, Megan’s tenure will conclude after ALA Annual 2009 and Gerald will take over as Convener. This means we are in need of an Incoming Convener to begin service this summer.

1. The members present decided it the Group’s leadership (Past, Present, and Incoming Conveners) would appoint the newest Incoming Convener with input from the Group.

5. Announcements from the Group
   a. A new residency program is beginning at Marquette University. It is a 2-year program and it will start in the Fall of 2009.
   b. A residency program at Louisville has restarted.
   c. The members present discussed learning objectives for new residents.
      i. In Megan’s case, he has been coming up with his own objectives and guiding his own experience
      ii. The Purdue program has supervisors outline competencies for their new arrivals in their units that would be used to guide the resident experience if the resident chose that unit.
      iii. UTK is structured—meet with department heads to see what needs should be met, goals and then set and evaluated at the end.
      iv. Julie Brewer has had varying experiences—some areas are inherently more structured. Having lead time is helpful. The evaluation has been carried by the resident as a summary, and places some accountability on the resident.
      v. Shorter rotation times might hamper the ability of a resident to connect to his or her department. At the University of Minnesota, 6 month rotations have been implemented. Job descriptions are drafted and residents are then interviewed for specific job-based positions.

Updates and News Items

1. ACRL Sections Council (soon to be renamed “Communities of Practice”)
   a. Sections Council wasn’t prepared to add Interest Groups to their meeting. There was some confusion over whether they should sit at the meeting table or in the audience, for example.
   b. Trevor Dawes provided a Conference Planning Committee Update:
      i. Deadlines will remain the same for program proposals
      ii. May 1, 2009 is the deadline for proposals for the 2010 ALA Annual Conference
      iii. Programs still need to meet same program criteria as before
      iv. Funding will be allocated by similar means. Sections and Interest Groups can still seek external funding for their programs. (ARL might be a possible partner here.)
   c. New Business
i. The program schedule for 2010 will be compressed. The means that the Leadership Council meetings might be altered. The ACRL Executive Board meeting might be altered as well.

2. ACRL Program Planning Committee 2010
   a. The proposal deadline for ALA 2010 is May 1, 2009. Proposals need to address ACRL’s Strategic Goals.
   b. As an Interest Group, we are eligible for $150 in program support.
      i. The larger the Section, the more $$$. 
      ii. Collaboration with other Sections is permitted.
   c. Megan also noted that we can change our program format to save money. We can, for example, do a pod- or webcast instead of a conference program.
   d. Megan suggested we consider putting together a program planning sub-committee
      i. The sub-committee could brainstorm for ideas, write a proposal, and usher in the paperwork.
      ii. Julie suggested we draw on the content that was already presented at the NDLC Post-Conference last October.
         1. A standing program committee might be a bit taxing on our Group.
         2. The Group then considered whether a compromise for this year would be to revisit our NDLC work as a webcast.
            a. Megan will find out whether webcasts and programs of this virtual sort need to adhere to the same deadlines as in-person programs.
            b. A webcast seems more appealing as it doesn’t require travel, would likely reach a number of interested parties.
            c. Marilyn offered to help spearhead the writing of this proposal.
               i. She would like names of people that know the technology and will work with her on this.
               ii. Megan will find out about webcast procedures.
               iii. The content will be the presentation/keynote talk Megan gave at the NDLC
                  1. Megan will send out the files from that presentation
                  2. Kathleen offered to assist
            iii. Megan would like us to do something sooner rather than later. We were mentioned in American Libraries and have built some momentum. A program might extend this.
               iv. We might consider doing something with NMRT.
   3. Research Update
      a. Megan is writing a book on residency programs. It will have three sections:
i. Program Management
   1. Gerald Holmes has agreed to write one chapter.
   2. Megan has been in conversation with Rebecca Richardson about contributing a chapter for Purdue’s program
   3. Marilyn is interested in contributing but needs to make sure she can.
   4. Julie expressed interest in writing a 10 retrospective piece.
   5. Melissa said someone from Louisville might be able to contribute something.
   6. Megan will get back to the Group regarding expected length of contributed pieces

ii. Design Elements

iii. Transcripts of interviews between new residents and former residents

b. Program Coordinators Survey
   i. As part of the book, Megan’s program survey from 2007 is being repeated right now. The results of both will be tabulated, compared, and then published as a chapter.

c. Residents’ Survey
   i. This is a refinement of the Resident Database Project from last year. Megan secured IRB approval from his institution to collect data from current and former residents. The survey will be distributed after the program coordinators’ survey is closed. The results will be tabulate and also published as a chapter.

d. Novice-to-Expert Theory panel at ACRL Seattle
   i. This is a continuation of the Dreyfus Model of Skills Acquisition Megan discussed at the NDLC. Two faculty members from the University of Denver will sit on a panel to discuss this model and its application for succession planning. The panel will be facilitated by Megan and will take place on Friday the 13th at 1PM.
   ii. Megan is hoping the panelists will agree to write up this presentation as a book chapter.
   iii. Marilyn suggested the panelists provide readings ahead of time for interested session participants

Closing and Wrap-Up

The meeting time for Chicago’s meeting has been set. Megan will double-check on time and date and get back to the Group. Looking forward, we will need to know the interests of other Group members so we can schedule around those meetings.

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