



37th Annual Conference Indianapolis, Indiana, April 16-21, 2009

Session/Meeting Name: Professional Development Committee

Date, Time: April 19, 2009, 12:30-2:00pm

Moderators: Tom Caswell

Recorder: Tom Caswell & Sarah Falls

Present: Stacy Brinkman, Sarah Carter, Tom Caswell (Outgoing Chair), Rebecca Cooper, Nicole Davis, Sarah Falls (Incoming Chair), Heather Gendron, V. Heidi Hass, Kristina Keogh, Cara List, Rachel Resnik, Elizabeth Schaub (Outgoing Education Liaison), Sarah Sherman, Tony White (Incoming Education Liaison)

Absent: Kristina Keogh, Louise Kulp

Introductions

After initial round-robin introductions, those in attendance broke into smaller groups for Education Subcommittee (chaired by Heather Gendron) and Mentoring Subcommittee (chaired by Heidi Hass) and PDC leadership (Tom Caswell, Sarah Falls and Elizabeth Schaub).

Education Subcommittee & Mentoring Subcommittee business meetings

Each subcommittee conducted their own business meetings for thirty minutes and then everyone regrouped for the full PDC meeting.

Board Liaison Announcements

Elizabeth Schaub stated this would be her last meeting with PDC as the Education Liaison to the Board. She thanked all PDC members past and present for their hard work and dedication to the Society and that the Board consistently recognizes and looks to the PDC as the go-to committee for the Society's continuing education and professional development initiatives. She then welcomed Tony White as incoming Education Liaison.

Mentoring Subcommittee update

Incoming Mentoring Subcommittee chair Sarah Carter introduced fellow subcommittee members Rachel Resnik and Sarah Sherman (new) and thanked outgoing chair (and incoming ARLIS/NA Secretary) Heidi Hass. Sarah said the free half-day mentoring workshop held on Friday, April 17th was very successful. The workshop had 10 attendees, and a total of 12 people are participating in the year-long program. Members of the subcommittee will continue to edit the 35-page *Career Mentoring Program Handbook* to be used at next year's mentoring workshop in Boston. They hope to increase personal interaction during the workshop and rely less on watching of the accompanying DVD. They will also be checking with our new management firm on liability issues that have been brought up in the past with regard to the workshop and its participants. Sarah also announced that the Southern California chapter will run the ARLIS career mentoring pilot program in early 2010. Other interested chapters should contact Sarah if they are interested in bringing the mentoring program to their chapter.

Education Subcommittee update

Heather Gendron stated that an updated 2009 version of the ARLIS/NA Core Competencies is now before the Board waiting for approval. She has asked the Board to focus on content for approval and that the subcommittee will go back later and concentrate on format and grammar issues. The subcommittee has also conducted a survey of ARLIS/NA constituents asking for feedback on educational needs of members. The two most requested areas were technology and collections. The results will be cumulated and then shared on ARLIS-L and also with chapter chairs for dissemination among chapter members. The board will share the results with the CPAC. Heather and members of the subcommittee will also set up a conference call with incoming Board Liaison Tony White to talk about prospective ideas for the group. ARLIS is only one of a few professional library organizations to have core comps.

Conference Networking Update

Sarah Falls reported that 31 mentors/mentees took part in the Conference Networking program this year. Only 2 took part in the Meet the Vendors program. While anecdotal response to Networking was mainly positive, PDC members asked Sarah to conduct a small survey of Networkees to hear feedback. Sarah asked if we could provide a free drink ticket for mentors, as a thank you. Other PDC members felt that put too much emphasis on drinking alcohol, and recommended that Sarah ask for money to support \$5 Starbucks cards to give to Mentors, and ask them to take their Mentees to coffee. Next year, those taking part in the program will be asked to set aside one hour to meet. Sarah will talk with Amy Lucker about working with the first time attendees meeting to schedule.

Tom ended the meeting by formally recognizing Heidi Hass, Louise Kulp and Elizabeth Schaub's service to the Professional Development Committee and the Society.

Sarah Falls thanked Tom for serving a term as PDC chair.

The meeting was adjourned by Tom Caswell at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom Caswell & Sarah Falls