

CoALA Board Meeting

July 21, 2009

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Arthur Lakes Library - Colorado School of Mines

Minutes by Robin Dean, Secretary

Members Present: Pam Blome, Jan Turner, Paul Betty, Robin Dean

Agenda:

I. Elections

A. Nominations for CAL President-Elect in 2009 (President in 2010)

The Board has identified two potential candidates from academic libraries, Denise Pan (CU - Denver) and Annie Epperson (UNC). The Board will contact them this week to ask if they're interested and let them know that they might not be running unopposed.

B. CoALA Board 2010

Paul will investigate term limits and lengths of service in the bylaws to see how many positions the Board needs to fill next year. If allowed, Robin would like to serve as Secretary again next year.

The deadline to have nominations to CAL may be as soon as Aug 1, so the Board will post calls for nominations for open positions to the CoALA and Libnet listservs ASAP. Pam will update the CoALA membership list with Krystyna Mrozek so the call will reach the greatest number of potential candidates.

II. Peer Review

A. *Colorado Libraries*

Nina McHale (editor) has asked Tom Riedel (Regis) to be peer reviewer for *CL*. They have what they need as far as drawing up guidelines for peer review. Paul will ask Nina if they're interested in a paragraph of boilerplate text from CoALA explaining the peer-reviewed article process to use in any calls for submissions that *CL* sends out.

B. CAL Sessions

There were two peer-reviewed sessions at CAL 2008, but this was partially due to one of the papers being submitted in both the regular and peer-reviewed tracks. At CAL 2009 there will only be one dedicated slot for a peer-reviewed session.

Response to the call for papers was good; there are 7 proposals for the peer-reviewed slot. The reviewers will rank the proposals and send their recommendations to the CAL program committee. The Board discussed whether, if a second session from this process makes it into a general CAL session slot, there would still be a way to indicate that it has gone through the peer review process.

This year's peer-review committee consists of two peer reviewers from last year: Ellen Greenblatt (Auraria) and Sylvia Hall Ellis (DU). Next year, CoALA will expand the committee and put out a call for more reviewers.

It seems like the abstracts received from the online CAL submission form were very short this year, about 3 sentences. The Board discussed the need for more complete abstracts to assist in the peer-review process next year.

The Board agreed to encourage people whose papers are not accepted for the peer-reviewed session to enter them in the general session at CAL and/or submit them in paper form to *Colorado Libraries*. Also, since there are no formal CAL conference proceedings, the Board agreed that it would be helpful to publish the abstract of the selected session in *Colorado Libraries* or the CAL newsletter.

III. ACRL Roadshow "Scholarly Communication 101"

The Board couldn't remember the date of the Roadshow. [ETA: Friday, Aug 7, 2009]. The Board discussed how CoALA could assist the Roadshow. CoALA probably won't be able to make a financial contribution, but a few members may be around to volunteer time/prep work if needed. Robin is attending; Paul might attend depending on the date. Pam and Jan will probably be unable to attend.

IV. Other Business

A. Items for CAL Newsletter

The Board will draft a note for the CAL newsletter about peer-review opportunities (for submission and for serving on future peer review committees).

B. CALC Summit 2010

At the CALC Summit 2008, CoALA acted as co-sponsor and put on a pre-conference workshop. The Board discussed what the expectations/possibilities were for CoALA's involvement in CALC 2010.

Robin attended the CALC annual meeting in Pam's place this summer, and will be serving on the CALC conference planning committee as CoALA's representative. Paul may also attend these meetings as upcoming CoALA chair, but he might not be able to make the first meeting, which will take place in the afternoon on Aug 5th.

Robin will bring up the subject of CoALA's involvement and our willingness to (a) arrange for a pre-conference again and (b) try to secure another speaker from ACRL as we did last time. Robin will update Paul after the meeting, and he will contact ACRL about a speaker if that appeals to the CALC committee.