

EBSS Newsletter

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Social Networking Opportunities with EBSS:

Membership & Orientation Committee of EBSS will sponsor the EBSS Social Hour on Sunday, June 29, 1997, from 5 to 6 PM at **Gracies**, a cozy Corner Bar at 398 Geary Street in San Francisco. No reservations required. Buy your own drinks. Just come and meet with colleagues.

EBSS / ACRL Liaison Dinner. Organized by Leslie Bjorncrantz, ACRL liaison member. Leslie and her network of restaurant reviewers will select a fine place for dinner on Sunday, June 29, 1997, 6:00 PM. Place to be arranged; reservations required. Contact Leslie by e mail: l-bjorncrantz@nwu.edu or (847-491-760.

ALA Midwinter Highlight:

National Library of Education Tour: A Living Library

Twenty EBSS members visited the temporary headquarters of the National Library of Education (NLE) in Washington DC on February 17 during the ALA Midwinter Conference. Library director Blane Dessy greeted visitors and presented an overview of the library, its mission and a future direction. After distributing the recently published *Access for All: A New Library for Tomorrow's Learners*, the report of the National Library of Education Advisory Task Force, Blane turned the program over to Judy Craig, who demonstrated a dialogue then ensued related to hot topics in education and how the NLE might best serve its constituencies. NLE is in the process of developing a Web source pointing to lesson plans and how they relate to national teaching standards. EBSS members suggested that other issues of concern were: resources needed to meet information literacy goals; resources to support curriculum materials centers, organized directories to historical textbook collections; educational reference sources to support specific needs; and equitable distribution of information technologies. A brief tour of the library followed the discussion. EBSS members were most appreciative not only of the delightful refreshments supplied, but especially of the NLE staff who took the time to open the library during a national holiday so that education and library issues could be explored among colleagues.

The National Library of Education, (NLE), initiated in 1994 is the largest federally funded library in the world devoted solely to education. It is funded as part of the *Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act* of 1994, as part of the **Goals 2000: Educate America Act**. NLE has structurally united the former U.S. Department of Education Research Library, the Education Information Branch, (1-22) and the Education Information Center. NLE is intended to be a "one stop" education information center, with three main activities: reference and referral services, collection and technical services, and resource sharing and cooperation.

The mission of the NLE, according to the report *Access for All*, "is to provide awareness and maximum access to high-quality education information in all formats and from multiple sources, to provide high quality assistance to information seekers, and be accountable for all these efforts. Our customers are the educators, students and parents of America at all education levels and the agencies, corporations and institutions that

serve them. Out "rctvpgtu"ctg"vjg"pcvkqpøu"gfweckqp"nkdttctkgu."gfweckqp"kpht o cvkqp"rtqxfgtu."cpf" educational organizations." The library, in temporary housing while extensive renovation is being done for the permanent location, is presently serving researchers, legislators, and educators.

Mary Beth Minick, EBSS Chair, Blane Dessy, Director , National Library of Education, and Judy Craig, Public Relations, National Library of Education were hosts of this tour. Judy Craig demonstrated the award winning National Library of Education Website and described the resource sharing possible with many education sites being connected through this site.

For EBSS members who did not have the opportunity to attend this meeting, there is another chance: look for Judy Craig at the AAUN"Eqphgtgpeg"kp"Rqtvn"cpf."Qtg i qp."rtgugpvkpi"vjg"Pcvkqpçn"Nkdttct{"qh"Gfweckqpøu" progress.

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Attention, All Committee Chairs: New Chairs Orientation in San Francisco

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Advisory Council often is the time when chairs of committees informally share their ongoing experiences organizing activities, action and discussion towards EBSS goals. However, there is a designated slot in each EBSS year for focusing on just these issues: New Chairs Orientation. At this time, Pat Libutti will be facilitating the Orientation and urges new and "seasoned" chairs to attend the one-hour meeting. If you had not attended one before, this is the perfect time to do so -- and "refresher" opportunities will be present.

Materials will be sent out ahead of the meeting and will feature anecdotes from past chairs on organization, motivation, and "what I wished I had known." At this time, preparatory materials for new chairs are available; the EBSS Orientation Manual is on the Website, materials from past EBSS chairs will be synthesized into packets, and discussion in San Francisco is anticipated to be lively. Plan on being there - look for the schedule of EBSS events and mark this as Your Time.

ACRL Task Force Considers Electronic Publication

Hugh Thompson and other members of the ACRL Publications Task Force on Electronic Publication have met during past ALA conferences to consider issues and current activities of electronic publications. C&RL News already has an electronic version.

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Helga Visscher

The Distinguished EBSS Librarian Award Committee, chaired by Leslie Bjorncrantz has selected Nancy Rcvtkkc"QøDtkgp"cu"vjg"GDUU"Fkuvkpiwkujgf"Nibrarian of the Year 1997. There were many good candidates to ejqqug"htq o="Pcpe {"QøDtkgp" o ggvu"cpf"uwtrcuugu"cm"vjg"etkvgtkc"hqt"ugngevkkp"hqt"vjku"cyctf0"

the chair of that committee, or EBSS Vice-Chair Nancy Becker. Her address and e-mail are listed on page 2. More information on individual committee chairs are listed in the previous issue of the EBSS Newsletter.

Another highlight of the midwinter meeting was the opportunity section members had to visit the National Library of

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Later discussion concurred that this committee would soon have its turn for funding the revised brochures.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee

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The EBSS Nominating Committee for the 1997 elections offers this reminder of the slate of candidates for leadership positions in EBSS. You are encouraged to exercise your right to vote. The candidates for election are as follows:

For Vice Chair/ Chair elect: Joan Fiscella / Jan Wilson

For Secretary: Mary Gilles / George Libbey

For Member at Large: Francine De Franco / Beth Anderson

Committee Reports: Psychology / Psychiatry Committee:

Jane McKeever, University of Chicago, IL

An American Psychological Association representative reported on a new historical file, to be available in PsycInfo and PsycLit, that will include electronic records for all items in Psychological Abstracts since 1927,

ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, June 26-July 3, 1997

EBSS Committee Meetings - Tentative Schedule

Friday, June 27, 1997

8:00 - 10:00 PM

Executive Committee

