



EBSS Committee Reports

Most Committees met Saturday, January 13, 2001
9:30 - 11:30 AM at the JW Marriott Hotel
Washington, DC.

Curriculum Materials Committee

Jeannie Kamerman, University of West Florida,
Pensacola, FL

We discussed how the Curriculum Materials Committee relates to the many ad hoc committees that have spun off from it. Should the CMC be viewed as a think tank? We then worked on the assignment of topics and updates for the Committee webliography.

We also entertained possible topics for potential future projects. One of which was NCATE visitations and how to prepare your CMC Library Center. We discussed the perennial question of how CMCs can get free or reduced cost textbooks for our libraries. We are also considering an Educational Research / Research Methodology Web page. We will pursue this idea to see if it is within our mission.

Gerontology Committee

Kay Womack, Oklahoma University, Norman, OK

At Midwinter 2001, the Gerontology Committee held its first meeting since the committee was established. Members shared information about resources that are available to identify gerontology programs and from organizations such as the Gerontological Society of America and the Association in Higher Education's Directory of Educational Programs in Gerontology and Geriatrics. A visitor from the National Aging Institute Library mentioned the Administration on Aging website, <www.aoa.gov> and noted the ALA RUSA MOUSS Library Service to Aging Populations group. The committee will contact this group to explore mutual interests.

The Council on Social Work Education, Social Work Gerontological Competencies has a web survey, at: <www.cswe.org/sage-sw/SAGE-SW_GERONTOLOGICAL_COMPETENCIES.htm>

Members discussed what they hope to accomplish as a committee. We are interested in developing a topic for the EBSS Current Topics Discussion for Midwinter 2002. Projects and topics mentioned were 1) how research on aging might inform user services in libraries, 2) oral history and autobiographical writing for seniors, 3) archiving this information, and 4) the creation of collection development tools.

IE Instruction for Educators Committee

Doug Cook Shippensburg State University,
Shippensburg, PA

The Committee continues to work on an article that will evaluate the Web sites that gather Educational Statistics. Scott Walter is the article editor. The article will include an introduction, evaluatory criteria, and challenges of using statistical web sites. The National Center for Educational Statistics site and the CIS Statistical Universe database will be reviewed. Other site categories are meta-sites, webliographies, data sets, fast facts, state and regional k-12 sites, practitioner sites, international comparative sites, advocacy sites and higher education sites. The committee plans to have a draft finished by Annual.

We plan to undertake a revision of the October 1992 article "Information retrieval and evaluation skills for education students" in *C & R L News*, p. 583-588 as our next project. Our committee wrote this article in 1992. This revision will provide opportunity for collaboration with AASL, plus a potential Midwinter Discussion Topic.

Membership & Orientation Committee

Barbara Kemp, University of Houston, Houston,
TX

The committee discussed plans for the New Leader Orientation session to be held in San Francisco on Sunday, June 17 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. New committee chairs and elected officers are encouraged to attend and learn about the "inner workings" of EBSS. The *Orientation Manual* updates, prepared by Charley Thurston, the former M & O Committee Chair, were sent as a digital file to Kate Corby for mounting on the Web. In discussing this activity, the question of archiving previous editions of the *Manual* arose. Now that the online form is considered the official version, archiving previous editions might be more complex. The issue was referred to the EBSS Executive Committee for consideration. Finally, shrinking Section membership, a major concern for the M & O Committee, was discussed. Laverna Saunders proposed several initiatives and volunteered to work with the ACRL Membership Committee on the problem.

Psychology & Psychiatry Committee

Darlene Patricia Nichols, University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, MI.

The Committee heard a presentation on the American Psychological Association's full text Articles Direct product. We then discussed this new database and other APA products such as PsycINFO. Problems including access and pricing were noted, as well as the new database e-psyche, and its place in psychology research. Researchers in psychology are increasingly pressuring libraries for full text journals. We talked about the challenges of trying to respond to this growing demand. Finally, we heard an update on new resources that will be available through the American Psychiatric Association, including new free resources available at their web site <www.psych.org>

Publications and the Department of Education

The White House



Reference Sources & Services Committee

Julie Tharp, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

The Reference Sources and Services Committee is continuing our pursuit of getting ERIC to add a "peer reviewed" field to the ERIC database. Don Frank, Director of the ERIC Processing and Reference Facility, and Christine Rowsome, Assistant Director for Database Building, attended our meeting in Washington, D.C. to discuss the feasibility of the project and what the committee's role would be in the process. Don and Christine explained the regulations and procedures from the ERIC perspective, while the committee explained the user benefits and specifics of the need for such a field. Don and the committee will be working together to develop a formal proposal for submission to the Department of Education.

Ad Hoc CMC Standards Guidelines Committee

Ann Brownson, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

The first face-to-face meeting of the CMC Standards/Guidelines Committee was held at Midwinter. During the meeting, the charge was discussed, and steps toward reaching the goal of a standards or guidelines document for Curriculum Centers was outlined.

Prior to the meeting, the committee members had determined categories to be included in the document. Two of those categories, Collection Development and Service, were then further defined with the development of more specific standard/guideline areas. During the meeting, members developed one standard in the areas of "Service—Instruction" that can be used as an example when they develop standards within their own area. Members were each assigned areas within the two categories and will develop draft standards with commentary to be discussed online after March 15. After standards have been completed in those two categories, they will be shared with both the EBSS Publications Committee and with ACRL's Standards and Guidelines Committee so that any changes can be made prior to developing the remaining categories.

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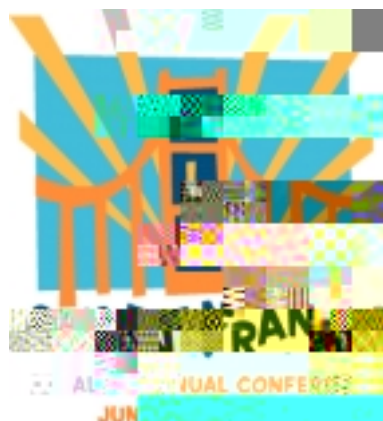
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Old Friends, New Partners:

Academic Libraries Redefine K-12 Outreach

EBSS Program in San Francisco

The EBSS annual program for 2001 in San Francisco is "Old Friends, New Partners: Academic Libraries Redefine K-12 Outreach." The program will feature a panel of speakers who will discuss issues in developing and delivering outreach programs. Poster sessions highlighting innovative K-12 outreach projects will follow the program, to be held Sunday, June 17, 2 - 5 pm. The location will be announced at a later date on the EBSS listserv and web page. Special thanks goes to the Program Planning Committee.