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Committee Reports:

Adult Learners

Chair: Kristine Kenney

Members: Carole Burke; Mary Cassner, Toby Matoush, Gloria Meisel, Tammy Bobrowsky (virtual), Jeanne Holba-Puacz (virtual), Denise Millman (virtual)

The focus of the Continuing Education Committee has been the compilation of the LIRT Top Twenty list of library instruction articles for 2003. This year's work involved reading and evaluating more than one-hundred articles. The committee developed a rubric for rating the articles to aid members in their selection. At Midwinter, the committee determined final selections for the list. The list was edited and submitted to the LIRT News for June 2004 publication. All authors of Top Twenty articles have been notified electronically, and they should receive a hard copy acknowledgement of the selection of their articles by the time of the annual conference. At Annual, the committee will discuss any suggested improvements to the selection process and review the committee's charge. Recommended changes to the committee's charge will be submitted to the Steering Committee.

Liaison

Chair: Lori Ostapowicz Critz

Members: John Allan Cicala, Erin Ellis, Elizabeth Evans, Elizabeth Margutti, Marilyn Ochoa, Cynthia D. ShirTdT

Conference Program Planning 2004

Chair: Linda Marie Golian-Lui

Members: Deborah Bernard, Susan Berry, Julie Elliott, Crystal Gale, Kara Gus, Katherine Harris, Pamela Harris

The LIRT Conference Program 2004 Committee is responsible for annual program preparation and presentation. The program for the Annual 2004 ALA Conference in Orlando will be held on Sunday, June 27, from 10:30-Noon. The program is entitled Angst to Zest: Empowering the Non-Traditional Student. Three speakers have agreed to cover the topic of developing effective library instruction for the non-traditional student. Dr. Phyllis Bebeko, Florida Atlantic University, will be the first speaker highlighting adult learning strategies while librarians, Judi DeLisle, Valencia Community College and Deborah Anderson, Brevard Community College, Palm Bay Campus, will share their experiences and advice in developing exciting and creative instruction programs for non-traditional students. The committee will distribute evaluations, programs, speaker handouts and various other LIRT materials. Red apple stress squeeze balls will be given to attendees that complete a program evaluation form. Arrangements have been made for writing an article for the next newsletter with program highlights. Gifts for the speakers have been arranged.

The charge of the LIRT Liaison Committee is to "initiate and maintain communication with groups within the American Library Association dealing with issues relevant to library instruction and disseminate information about these groups' activities." Therefore the Liaison Committee has developed lists of instruction-related non-LIRT activities/programs and non-LIRT instruction-related meetings for the LIRT Steering Committee and the general LIRT membership - for both the Midwinter and Annual Conferences. These lists were posted on the LIRT website. At both Midwinter and Annual, committee members volunteer to attend numerous non-LIRT instruction-related programs, events, activities and meetings. Committee members write short narratives on each event attended for dissemination to the LIRT membership, via publication in the LIRT News. Additionally, over the past year, the committee has been examining possible opportunities to expand the role of the committee into more formalized liaison work with other ALA and non-ALA entities involved in instructional/educational arenas.

Long-Range Planning

Committee member: American Library Association

Continuing Education

Chair: Ericka Arvidson Raber

Members: Tiffany Anderson, Terri Holtze, Camille McCutcheon, Harry Meserve, Jim Millhorn, Frances Nadeau, Deva Reddy, Leslie Sult

of the Elections sub-committee is available in a separate report. On the Organization and Bylaws side this year, there were no suggested amendments to the LIRT bylaws on the ballot, so we have been able to focus on updating the LIRT Manual. This has turned out to be a large task which will likely carry over for the next several years. The Manual, which contains information for officers and committee chairs, has been up on the Web for several years, but many updates are needed to individual documents which were converted directly from the paper format. The committee is working on both updating documents to reflect changes in LIRT and ALA procedures, and improving the organization of the manual to take full advantage of the online format.

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Newsletter

Chair: Caryl Gray

Members: Carol Carson Schuetz (Production Editor), Rebecca Bichel, Susanna Eng, Eva M. Greenberg, Jill Grogg, Brad S. Matthies (virtual), D Brett Spencer, Gary Wasdin (virtual)

Four issues of LIRT News were published during the year. The print format of the newsletter is mailed to the membership and an expanded version of the newsletter is available on the Library Instruction Roundtable web site (<http://www3.baylor.edu/LIRT/lirtnews/>). The editor and production editor make every effort to include all articles and reports in each print issue, however since space is limited it is often necessary to include a brief report in the printed publication and refer the reader to the full report in the electronic version. The September 2003 issue of LIRT News was not printed (due to personnel changes at ALA national headquarters) and is only available electronically (<http://www3.baylor.edu/LIRT/lirtnews/2003/sept03.pdf>). The general guidelines and contents of specific issues of LIRT News were reviewed and revised. Revisions were submitted to the Executive Committee (the recommendations were approved with minor revisions at ALA Midwinter and will be included in the LIRT Manual). During Midwinter the committee discussed the possibility of creating an index to the on-line issues of LIRT News. Details of the project have not been developed and will be discussed at ALA Annual. The committee was asked to examine the LIRT News advertisement policy, especially paid advertisements. A proposal will be presented at ALA Annual.

Nominations, Organization and Bylaws

Chair: Anne Houston; Lori Critz and Elizabeth Margutti, Co-Chairs for Elections

Members: Rachael Green, Maggie Z. Saponaro, Stephanie Michel (Ex-Officio Member LIRT President)

The Organization and Bylaws committee combined with the Election/Nomination Committee recently; the annual report

additional copies of the membership brochure for distribution at Annual and for the NMRT packets. We had "BITES with LIRT" three lunches at Midwinter and Sharon Chadwick is taking reservations for Orlando. All of the welcome letters through March 2004 have been mailed.

Teaching, Learning, and Technology

Chair: Vibiana Bowman

Members: Maryellen Mott Allen, Leslie Boyd (virtual), Jamie MacInnis, Elizabeth McKenty, D. Brett Spencer, Betsey Springgate, Eileen Stec, Nadaleen Tempelman-Kluit

The TLT Committee continued to work this year in fulfillment of its charge: "identifying and promoting the use of technology in library instruction." Committee members have contributed articles to the LIRT News on the topics of: protecting patron privacy, instructional technology, and instruction for international students. TLT helped to plan and facilitate the LIRT Midwinter Discussion Forum; topic "Web-Based Learning from Kindergarten to Ph. D." TLT has been working with the Steering Committee and the current Chair of the Conference Planning Committee regarding planning a Technology Showcase for Annual 2006. The committee has also been working this spring (in preparation for Annual) on examining the mission and function of TLT according to the new LIRT Vision Statement and what we can do to help promote that vision.

Compiled and submitted by Stephanie Michel, 6-23-04



Member A-LIRT



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We need your words

Articles are needed for the
LIRT Newsletter

See Contributor's Guidelines at
<http://www3.baylor.edu/LIRT/guidelines.html>

Dear Tech Talk— First there was blogs, now I'm hearing about "wikis" – so what is a "wiki"? Is this another flash-in-the-pan web toy, or something I should know more about and use? —Whassup With Wikis

Dear WWW— Wikis, like blogs, are a member of a new breed of "social software" – software that provides some level of interactivity between individuals. "The terms wiki (pronounced "wickie" or Weekee") and WikiWiki are used to identify either a specific type of hypertext document collection or the collaborative software used to create it." (Wiki, From Wikipedia) "Wiki wiki" means "quick" or "fast" in the Hawaiian language and is the name used for the Honolulu Airport shuttle buses that move people around the terminals. As it happens, wikis pre-date blogs by about two years. The first wiki was the Portland Pattern Repository (<http://c2.com/ppr/>), created by Ward Cunningham in 1995.

Since the first wiki was introduced many "wiki clones" have been developed, using different programming languages – some open source and some proprietary. Rubenking provides reviews of some wiki search engines in PC Magazine: EditMe – <http://wiki.editme.com/>, SeedWiki – <http://www.seedwiki.com/>, Social Text Workspace – <http://www.socialtext.com/>, Swiki.net – <http://www.swiki.net/>, Team Flux – <http://www.teamflux.com/>, and Open Wiki 0.78 – <http://www.openwiki.com/>. Two others of note are: TWiki – <http://twiki.org/> and ZWiki – <http://zwiki.org/>. Beyond these listed, use Ward Cunningham's Wiki Engines to find a vast array of wiki clones, categorized by programming language: <http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?WikiEngines>.

Web pages created using wiki technology are created quickly and collaboratively – almost on the fly. A weblog is generally under the control of one individual who may, or may not, allow others to edit that blog. As opposed to a wiiwily toy, or s7hers of no0.008 Tc 0.pen2.04n ind24

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Before moving on to the uses of wikis, here's one more comment related to the functionality of wikis. Most wikis

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