

Chicago Collaborative Working Group
Annual Report
Submitted to the AAHSL Board, October 30, 2016

The Chicago Collaborative Working Group currently includes three AAHSL representatives, Janice Jaguszewski (co-convenor), Jim Bothmer and Brenda Seago (who was co-convenor in 2015 and agreed to continue to serve when Tom Singarella resigned at the end of 2015). Paul Schoening resigned in early 2016. Ruth Riley served as liaison from the Board, but did not attend meetings.

Other members of the Chicago Collaborative are:

- John Tagler, Association of American Publishers, Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division
- Michael Fitzgerald, Council of Science Editors
- Marty Frank and Jennifer Pesanelli, Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology
- Richard Gedye, International Association of Science, Technical & Medical Publishers
- Julie Nash, International Society of Managing and Technical Editors
- Jean Shipman, Society for Scholarly Publishing

The Association of American Medical Colleges withdrew its membership in 2015.

Karen Dodson had been contracted to provide logistical support, but her services were discontinued at the end of 2015 to reduce costs.

1. Budget

After reviewing revenues and expenses in 2015 and consulting with Ruth Riley and Louise Miller, the co-convenors in January of 2016 (Janice Jaguszewski, AAHSL, and Jennifer Pesanelli, FASEB) recommended ways in which costs could be significantly reduced. They submitted a revised budget for 2016, with the following decisions:

- Discontinue the support services of an outside consultant: \$8550
- Host spring meeting at a publisher campus; publishers' conference support staff will assist with meeting arrangements
- Host fall meeting in conjunction with AAHSL and AAMC; pay headquarters to assist with meeting arrangements (book meeting room, arrange hotel rooms, arrange for food)
- Members will assume responsibility for developing agendas, inviting speakers, taking notes, reporting out
- Maintain membership fee at 2015 rate: \$1800 per year

2. The Chicago Collaborative web site was transferred from the University of Utah to a Google site to facilitate direct updating by co-convenors and members. The URL remains the same: chicago-collaborative.org.

3. [Notes from the Fall Meeting](#), November 8 and 9, 2015, are available on the Chicago Collaborative web site

Highlights:

- Author contributorship badges -- to document what an author contributes to a research article
- Discussion on data sharing
- Convey, an online platform developed by AAMC to help physician researchers document financial disclosures in one place (Heather Pierce, AAMC)
- CHORUS update (John Tagler)
- SHARE update (Judy Ruttenberg)
- CrossRef for Funding data -- to record funding sources for scholarly research (Patricia Feeney)
- Ringgold, authority control for institutions (Christine Orr)
- ORCID update (Alice Meadows)

4. [Notes from the Spring Meeting](#), May 1 and 2, 2016, are available on the Chicago Collaborative web site

Highlights:

- CHORUS update from Howard Ratner
- Discussion of Biomedical Publishing online tutorial
- "Improving Openness and Reproducibility of Research," a presentation and discussion with David Mellor from the Center for Open Science

5. The Chicago Collaborative discussed strengthening communication with AAHSL membership. Strategies include:

- Sharing agendas and notes
- Soliciting topics and action items from members
- Providing a CC update at the AAHSL annual meeting
- Hosting a "talk to a publisher" round table session at the AAHSL annual meeting to facilitate constructive conversations with publisher representatives from editorial, technical and executive departments

6. Most significantly, the three AAHSL representatives discussed with Ruth Riley (AAHSL president) and Neil Rambo (AAHSLS president elect) whether the Chicago Collaborative had fulfilled its original purpose of "supporting the AAHSL Board strategy of promoting ongoing dialog and examination of issues of joint concern and importance to AAHSL and STM publishers and editors, and developing and promoting a presence for AAHSL among STM publishers and editors."

Although the conversations are stimulating and the meetings have offered numerous educational opportunities for members, the travel and expense involved in two meetings per year (separate from MLA and AAHSL) are significant, participation is limited to a small number of publisher representatives, primarily from nonprofit and society sectors, and only a few library directors represent the entire membership.

The workload is also considerable for co-convenors who no longer have logistical support from an outside consultant and must arrange dates, locations, accommodations, meals, speakers, technology, etc.

In addition, the AAHSL representatives noted that the discussion topics, publisher relationships, and educational programming could be distributed to other existing AAHSL committees, notably the Research Committee, the Program Committee, and the Scholarly Communications Committee.

As a result, the AAHSL Board asked that the Chicago Collaborative revisit its charge and purpose and consider alternative ways of maintaining a dialog between the library and publishing communities. Current co-convenors, Janice Jaguszewski and Michael Fitzgerald, recommended conducting the fall meeting virtually, but committee members preferred canceling the fall meeting and instead discussing the future of the Collaborative in person in the spring.

The spring meeting is now scheduled for April 29-30, 2017, in Washington, DC, and will be hosted by John Tagler in meeting spaces offered by the Association of American Publishers.