

Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries

Scholarly Communication Committee

Annual Report

October 2014

1. November 2013 – Gretchen Arnold and Brenda Seago became the co-chairs of ScholComm at the annual Scholarly Communications Committee meeting at AAHSL/AAMC in Philadelphia.

2. Major Actions
 - NCI Clinical Trials Open Access Policy – provided comments in support of access to NCI funded clinical trials. December 2013
 - Signatory to SPARC letter (along with ARL, MLA etc) in support of OA language in the “Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act”. (FIRST). November 2013
 - Signatory to SPARC letter to House Science Committee supporting OA language in the “Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act”. (FIRST) March 2014.
 - Collaboration with MLA Committee on Scholarly Communications to explore publisher policies on eBook licensing restrictions and make recommendation for best practices.
 - Declined request to comment on data mining policies of Elsevier. Consensus was that Elsevier was being proactive in making its policy known.

3. Ongoing
 - Monitored and shared information about general topics in scholarly communications and OA with committee members.
 - Monitored the monthly SPARC Open Access Working Group conference call.

4. Future – at the November 2014 meeting
 - Brenda Seago and Pat Thibodeau will become the new co-chairs of Scholcomm.

