

**AAHSL Research Services Committee  
Annual Report 2016  
October 31, 2016**

Key accomplishments for the AAHSL Research Services Committee during the 2016 year include progress on areas related to the committee's charge and also the establishment of infrastructure and work processes to carry out the committee's charge. Phone meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from 3:00-4:00 PM Eastern. A collaborative workspace was established in Box for the committee members.

**Key work areas during the 2016 year include:**

- An in-depth discussion of the concept of "The Research Lifecycle" and how our perception of this concept influences the work of libraries
  - Initial work for a research lifecycle survey for researchers and for library leadership
  - Collection of survey questions and published papers that can shape demographic/topic questions for a survey about the research lifecycle
  - Collection of visual representations of the research lifecycle
  - Contemplation of library-defined versus researcher-defined constructs
  - Development of a plan to develop and deliver the survey in early 2017, with an educational component for AAHSL members in 2017
- The group is also interested in supporting initiatives that support our members on topics related to research information systems, business intelligence, and related topics. We have looked into the possibility of developing a virtual or in-person event to support this topic in 2017.
- Membership: We have a vacancy on the AAHSL RSC committee. Please contact Neil Rambo or Kristi Holmes if you would like to serve as a member of this committee. Kristi Holmes will continue in the role of committee chair for 2017 to provide continuity for ongoing projects.

The Research Services Committee welcomes input from all AAHSL members. Please direct comments and questions to any of the members listed below:

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>
Kristi Holmes, Chair	Northwestern University	8/15-11/18
Keith Cogdill	NIH	8/15-11/18
Lynda Hartel	Ohio State University	8/15-11/17
Anne Linton	George Washington University	8/15-11/18
Bart Ragon	University of Virginia	8/15-11/17
Cathy Sarli	Washington University	8/15-11/17
Anne Seymour	Johns Hopkins University	8/15-11/18
Terrie Wheeler	Cornell University	8/15-11/18
Neil Rambo, Board Liaison	NYU	11/15-11/16
Vacancy	Open	8/15-11/17

**Committee Charge**

1. Oversee and coordinate AAHSL's efforts to enhance research support services in member libraries through educational programs, workforce development, best practices and resource material
2. Undertake periodic surveys of AAHSL members to identify research support services provided by AAHSL libraries and prioritize those to be addressed by the committee
3. Provide training and development opportunities to keep AAHSL members abreast of research trends
4. When possible partner with the AAMC Group on Information Resources on research initiatives where there is mutual interest
5. Deliver a committee work plan to the AAHSL Board on a yearly basis.

*The AAHSL Research Services Committee was launched in August 2015.*