

## AAHSL Scholarly Communication Committee

### Annual Report 2016

ICMJE Data Sharing Policy – The committee collected feedback on the ICMJE proposed data sharing policy and submitted it online. It was shared with all AAHSL members.

BioMed Publishing 101 Course – Created by the Chicago Collaborative several years ago, AAHSL was asked to consider offering the course to its members. A survey conducted last fall indicated there was interest in online Webinars, but the content might need to be revised. The committee agreed to explore this more, but to also make it available to MLA as well as AAHSL members, if possible. The committee chair reached out to MLA to see if they might be interested in this type of CE course. MLA is selecting a new LMS system and would be interested in hosting but not sponsoring the content on its platform, but the new system would not be available until late fall 2016. The committee also raised the issue as to who should teach and revise the content – the Collaborative, or AAHSL members, or a joint approach. The committee reached out to the Chicago Collaborative to clarify ownership, revision and distribution issues. The Collaborative responded that they wanted to retain control over the content, the platform choice, and other elements of the course. The Scholarly Communications recommended to the AAHSL Board that the Committee continue in an advisory capacity on the content of the course and leave ownership and control over the content and other issues with the Collaborative. This recommendation was submitted to the Collaborative along with the AAHSL survey results.

Open Access Working Group – A committee member participates in the OAWG conference calls and monitors legislative actions as well as developments within public access and open access. Due to the election year, many legislative actions are not going forward to Congress. OAWG did schedule meetings with the presidential candidates to talk about their information platforms. No specific actions have been taken by AAHSL since the fall as a result of the OAWG work.

Web-based Resources – The committee is continued to look at the types of resources wanted by AAHSL members on its Website and plans to continue to link to MLA and other association resources. A survey was conducted to find out what members want on the site. The concept of a “tool kit” will be dropped. One option is to have a current trend or hot topic area at the top of the page and encourage members to submit items. Since MLA is going through a redesign of its scholarly communication resources, the committee will reach out to the MLA chair designate to identify their plans. It was suggested that links to the new public access and data sharing policies be added to the site. Recommendations for content on the AAHSL pages will be reviewed at the November 2016 meeting.

MLA Scholarly Communications Committee – Ann Gleason Whitney was appointed the AAHSL liaison to the MLA Committee. She provided a detailed report of MLA’s activities at the May meeting and shared the URL to the NISO documents being reviewed by MLA. The committee identified a few areas where it wanted to gather more information to see if AAHSL needed to take action.

- Letter to publishers regarding the ORCID mandates issued by ICMJE members
- Signing on to AllTrials

Sage Publishing Embargo on Public Health Reports – The committee will be working with MLA on a possible response to Sage and the Association of Schools of Public Health switching to a 12-month embargo for the journal “Public Health Reports” for federal depository libraries.

Membership

Nandita Mani (UNC) and Jerry Perry (Univ. Arizona) will be joining the committee in 2016-2017 and Melissa Desantis has accepted the appointment of co-chair for 2016-2017 and chair for 2017-2018.

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