

**Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries**  
**Scholarly Communications Committee**  
May 23, 2010, 7:30am-8:50am  
Room 2D Hilton, Washington, DC

## Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Attending: Jean Shipman, chair; Gretchen Arnold, Judy Cohn, Jim Curtis, Carlene Drake, Sandra Franklin, Leslie Schick, Rajia Tobia, and Linda Walton

Guests: Michael Homan, T. Scott Plutchak, Keir Reavie, Chris Shaffer, and Gail Yakote

Absent: Michael Kronenfeld and Evelyn Morgan

2. Updates

- a. **ORCID** (Linda Walton) – Linda passed around a hand-out that provided information relating to ORCID which will be prototyped this month; she had distributed an email prior to the meeting containing the same information. There are 90 organizations participating. Once authors establish a profile, their publications will automatically be identified, but authors will need to do manual work to include previous publications.
- b. **Institutional Mandates** (All) – Duke is waiting to see their implementation plans for their mandate before proceeding. UVA has a faculty community with a law school champion. U of Utah's president is appointing a university-wide committee for SC. Emory has a faculty senate committee in place visiting departments to get buy-in for an OA policy for the university.
- c. **MLA Survey on OA and Journal Practices** (Jean) – Jean reminded group of the survey extension and encouraged all to participate and to alert others to do the same.
- d. **CTSA-related projects** (Chris Shaffer) – Chris stated that his shop is funded with Harvard leading by NCRR to create Eagle-i. He is working with 9 other sites. It is a network of things – animal models, reactants, protocols, freezer contents, etc. He has two postdocs who locate information and enter it into the database. He is leading the ontology team of four people. The next step is to develop language systems for biosciences. Once developed, any one can use this tool. U of FL is the lead for a VIVO directory which is a federated directory that can be searched to identify researchers across multiple institutions; essentially a Facebook for researchers. It will provide researcher/author affiliations and identifications. A public release of this federated system will be made next month and at an August conference but anyone can join now.

API is being used to create these network protocols so all systems can talk to each other. [Check out “Ontologies in Quantitative Biology: A Basis for Comparison, Integration, and Discovery”  
<http://www.plosbiology.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pbio.1000374>

- e. Chicago Collaborative (Michael Homan, Gail Yakote) – Michael and Gail updated the committee about the latest CC meeting held in Chicago in early March 2010. The CC is working on educational programming and will be presenting at NASIG (Biomedical Publishing 101) and at the SSP meeting (Libraries 101 panel). They have submitted an IMLS grant to develop a complete training package and should hear in mid-June if the grant is funded. They have also applied to offer an MLA CE course at MLA 2011. Two new members were added – ICJME, Christine Lane and for CSE, Diane Lang. Topics discussed to date include: scientific integrity, shared worries among all parties, governance, archiving and preservation.

The AAHSL Board has asked now that the AAHSL Joint Publishing/Liaison Task Force is nearing the end of its term for a transition plan for future AAHSL involvement with the CC. Several planning documents were shared with the SCC and background on current transitional thinking was shared. The goals are to get a regular rotation of AAHSL members on the CC and to expand access to others. Several questions were posed about how the CC operates. The group agreed that the SCC seems like the logical home for the AAHSL CC members. The AAHSL members of the Task Force will meet on Tuesday at MLA and will also discuss ideas. A June conference call with the SCC will highlight what decisions are made re. the future of AAHSL members for the CC and to seek additional input.

- f. Legislative Visits during MLA (Jean) – this was not discussed but many visits were held with legislators during MLA where FRPAA was endorsed for additional co-signers as well as NIH funding support.

### 3. New Business (15 minutes)

- a. FRPAA [Federal Research Public Access Act (HR 5037)] (Jean) – not covered.
- b. COPE [Compact for Open Access Publishing Equity] (Jean) – not covered.
- c. Citation Analysis/Networking Software (e.g., SciVal, Collexis) – Who has applied these within their institutions (All) - Linda Walton is doing an AAHSL survey to see who is using what networking information resource. She will share her results.

### 4. Discussion (30 minutes)

- a. OSTP Scholarly Publishing Roundtable Report and Feedback (Scott Plutchak) – Scott provided an overview of his involvement with the OSTP Roundtable and highlighted the 14 members and their affiliations. Their report was released in Jan. 2010. There was clear consensus on many issues including need to protect peer review, prefer verified record be the public one, need interoperability with standards, and preservation. The areas where there wasn't consensus dealt with how involved the government should be. One member felt there was too much government intervention and another felt government wasn't given a strong enough role. There was no real opposition to OA – just to who gets to set the rules. OSTP would like to have a regulatory apparatus develop from it to help federal agencies develop their policies – this would be a more flexible approach than that offered by FRPAA which is more prescriptive. The FRPAA is now in the House and Senate and the American COMPETES Act has been hung up in the House but is expected to be brought back for review. The COMPETES Act is the one that directs OSTP to develop public access policies for other agencies. Then of course, there could be an Executive Order issued if none of the other regulatory methods are passed.
  - b. How SCC works; Monitoring Actions, Future (Jean) – not covered due to lack of time.
  - c. Future of OA, Public Access and Libraries (All) – not covered.
5. Other (All) (5 minutes) – not covered.