

AAHSL Scholarly Communications Committee Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 7, 2010
8 – 9 am
Omni Shoreham Hotel -- Calvert

Attending:

MEMBERS:

Gretchen Arnold (2008-2011)
Judy Cohn (2007-2010)
Carlene Drake (2009-2012)
Sandra Franklin (2008-2011)
Jean Shipman, Chair (2009-2011)
Linda Walton (2009-2011)
Board Liaison: Pat Thibodeau (2009-2010)
Chris Frank (2010-2013)
Barbara Shearer (2010-2013)
Tom Singarella (2010-2013)

GUESTS:

Barbara Epstein
Donna Gibson
Susan Simpson
Michael Homan
Gail Yakote
T. Scott Plutchak

A welcome and introductions started the meeting. Jean thanked the three outgoing members of the SCC: Judy Cohn, Jim Curtis and Michael Kronenfeld and welcomed the three new incoming members – Chris Frank, Barbara Shearer, and Tom Singarella. She also welcomed the guests and those providing reports to the SCC.

Jean updated the committee on its future structure with the decision being made not to combine the Scholarly Communications Committee (SCC) with the Chicago Collaborative AAHSL representation. Rajia Tobia will serve as co-chair along with Jean for the coming year. A chair-elect needs to be appointed soon. [*Post-Meeting Note: Please let Rajia know if you are interested in serving as such.*]

Jean provided an update from the AAHSL Board meeting.

- A. The SCC is to provide a formal recommendation to the Board as to continuing to be members of both the OAWG and SPARC. Pat Thibodeau will confirm that AAHSL will have representation on the SPARC Steering Committee and the OAWG if we continue memberships. [*Post-Meeting Note: If someone wants to lead this review, please let Jean know as soon as possible.*]
- B. The Board has decided that the SCC chair will no longer be part of the Joint MLA/AAHSL Legislative Task Force and thus will not make legislative visits. Jean has requested that information continue to be shared as it has been valuable in the past with the SCC and the Legislative TF working closely on supporting issues.
- C. The Board asked that a friendly reminder be shared - SCC deliberations that address specific vendors/publishers should not be aired in public

venues such as the listserv. Generic references need to be made to avoid the appearance of any group anti-trust efforts.

Updates on various issues were presented.

- a. Legislative news – With the recent elections, not much has happened with FRPAA and the America COMPETES Act. Expectations are that things will start progressing again within these areas. Support that the SCC provided in the past year is reflected in the Committee's annual report which is now on the AAHSL website.

Scott Plutchak provided an update on the Scholarly Publishing Roundtable report activities. Both the Senate and the House versions of the America COMPETES Act now contain language reflecting the Roundtable's recommendations. The Senate version includes the clause that AAHSL had recommended about not altering the PMC requirements for NIH if other agencies incorporate repository mandates. The House version has passed and it went to the Senate committee where it has been reported out to the full Senate. More is expected to happen once sessions get into full swing again.

- b. Chicago Collaborative (CC) - Gail Yakote and Michael Homan updated the SCC on the future structure of the CC. As AAHSL's initial task force has reached its 3-year term, a recommendation to the AAHSL Board has requested that a working group be formed with members who will serve as the AAHSL representatives on the CC. There is a possibility that the number of AAHSL representatives on the CC will be reduced in number as other library groups may join the CC. The CC has continued to work on educational efforts and will be supporting a 3-region of the NN/LM webinar on Dec. 7th. The goal is to eventually reach all regions of the Network and to gather pilot data as to the value of the content as well as the need for such educational programming. The CC is meeting right after the AAMC meeting to discuss archiving and preservation issues.
- c. Orcid - Linda Walton informed the SCC of latest efforts with author disambiguation including ORCID and the NLM initiative which should be released in mid 2011 through the My NCBI.
- d. Campus OA Mandates – Jean shared what the University of Utah is discussing University-wide. Their discussions have gone from an OA publishing mandate to a potential IR deposit mandate. Others are encouraged to share information about what may be happening

within their institutions. Such information could be added to the SCC Toolkit.

- e. Scholarly Communications Committee Toolkit - Leslie Schick is reviewing the current site and is identifying new content to be added as well as updates to broken links. Please send Leslie any content you feel should be included within this toolkit. Overall, the toolkit still contains valuable information and is a good resource for members.
 - f. NIH Compliance (All) – There wasn't time to discuss this topic.
2. Discussion on Open and Public Access – our current thoughts and desires – Time also didn't permit open discussion on this topic however several ideas for the SCC to monitor were offered including Hathitrust and GoogleBook progress. Barbara Epstein shared that survey results collected by the MLA scholarly communications task force will be published soon in JMLA. [Post-meeting Note: At the CC/SCC Open Forum, it was suggested by Carol Jenkins that the SCC monitor Open Access such as measuring the impact of OA support including author fees, etc. It would be great to collect what our institutions are doing in this regard for the AAHSL membership. *Please let Jean know if you are interested in following one of these topics for the SCC.* Also the Board has asked that we write a letter to one vendor about their e-journal license ILL delivery policy – Rajia will be sending out a draft soon for your review.]
3. Next SCC in-person meeting – Jean mentioned that instead of meeting at MLA in May 2011, the SCC may use a teleconference to enable more SCC members to participate and also to reserve MLA meeting time for MLA activities. Stay tuned for additional information about a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05am and Jean reminded all to attend the open forum for the CC and SCC to be held at 10am in the same room.