

AAHSL Program & Education Committee 2011

Final Report

The 2011 committee members were Judy Burnham, Barbara Cavanaugh, Holly Buchanan, Peggy Mullaly-Quijas, Lenore Hardy, Neville Prendergast, Marty Thompson, and Dorothy Spencer (past chair) and myself, Marianne Burke. Our liaison from the AAHSL Board was Pat Thibodeau.

The Committee held two in person meetings prior to the 2011 annual program. The meetings were at the 2010 AAMC conference in Washington DC and at the 2011 MLA Conference Minneapolis in May. In addition we held several conference calls and used e-mail extensively to communicate.

The 2011 Committee was charged with planning the AAHSL educational program for the AAHSL/AAMC annual meeting in Denver in November 2011. We were not charged with planning the Matheson Lecture as had been the Committee's responsibility in previous years. The 2011 AAHSL Educational workshop was planned to take place on Saturday afternoon November 5 from 1:00 PM to 5 PM.

After consultation with the Board and reviewing the member survey from the previous program, we agreed that the main program topic would be "E- science: Supporting the research enterprise in academic medical libraries." Also based on additional member input, we decided to present numerous topics of interest to members with members as speakers.

The overall program was entitled: What's Happening Really: "Digital Research Support, and other Hot Topics". The program was divided into two parts separated by a half-hour break. Committee members shared the tasks of identifying themes and then finding speakers for the topics. Committee members Marty Thompson, Neville Prendergast, and Barbara Cavanaugh and myself had responsibility for communication with one or more speakers and making arrangements with them in cooperation with the AAHSL office. A preliminary program was put on the AAHSL website in September 2011. Barbara Cavanaugh drafted the final program and Neville Prendergast coordinated speakers' technology needs.

We held a "green room" time for all speakers and Committee members prior to the start of the Program. Louise Miller identified and secured the location for this. The green room helped to eliminate technology glitches and increased mutual understanding among panelists and moderators.

Marianne Burke was moderator of the 2 hour panel on digital research support
Panelists included:

- Elaine Martin, Director, Lamar Soutter Library, UMass Medical School "Preparing Librarians for New Roles in E-Science Librarianship".
- Jake Carlson, Data Services Specialist and Associate Professor, Purdue University Library "An Introduction to the Data Curation Toolkit."

- Holly Buchanan, CIO and Executive Director, Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, SOM UNM, “Strategic Planning for E-science in Academic and Medical Libraries.”
- Jen Ferguson, Data Services Librarian, Northeastern University “A Tale of Two Projects: The Hands-on of Data Curation”

AAHSL paid travel expenses and an honorarium of \$400 for the non-member panelists Ferguson and Carlson.

A break followed the panel with excellent mid-afternoon refreshments organized by Louise Miller of the AAHSL office.

Following the break, Marty Thompson moderated the “Emerging topics and Debates” panel. . Each presentation was intended to be about 15 minutes long with 5 minutes for questions. All speakers were AAHSL member directors except for Donna Kafel who presented an added e-science topic.

The topics were as follows:

Who Should Pay for Open Access Authors’ Fees: A Debate
Presenters: Karen Butter and Jane Blumenthal

iTouch Technology to Medical Students
Presenter: Nadine Dexter

Adversity management: Doing More with Less
Presenter: Dorothy A. Spencer,

New Relationships with University Deans
Presenter: Pat Thibodeau

Library Dashboards
Presenter: Bret Kirkpatrick

Teaching Data Management to Health Science, Science & Engineering Students
Presenter: Donna Kafel, E-science project coordinator, UMass Medical School

All PowerPoint presentations were made available to the membership on the AAHSL website following the conference. The Committee met the day following the program (Sunday) in Denver to consider the feedback on the program they had received. Barbara Cavanaugh, Committee Chair for 2012 chaired the meeting.

An evaluation of the program was conducted using the AAHSL Survey Monkey. Attendees and non-attendees at the Conference were asked to assess the program and make suggestions for next year. There were 52 responses to the survey. 83% said the overall program was very good or excellent, with similar numbers approving the e-science panel and the hot topics panel. 88% said the program length was very good or excellent. Survey participants also responded to suggested themes for the Seattle conference.

I want to thank all members of the Committee for their work and participation throughout the year. I also want to thank President and Board liaison Pat Thibodeau, Executive Director Louise Miller, and the AAHSL Office staff, for their advice and generous assistance..

This report is informational and requires no Board action.

Submitted by,
Marianne Burke, Chair
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