

**AAHSL Core Values Task Force**  
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The Core Values Task Force was created in March after the Board held its strategic planning session and decided to revamp the Leading the Way Steering Committee charge, creating two new task forces, one continuing to focus on research and another on core values.

The Core Values task force is charged with developing methods for identifying the core values among AAHSL member libraries and creating a document that captures the underlying values that create the academic health sciences library community. Once core values are identified, the group will be charged with developing a methodology for identifying and describing potential roles for libraries within their dynamic environments.

Specific tasks include:

- Identify the core and underlying values common to academic health sciences libraries
- Develop a methodology for identifying potential roles for health sciences libraries
- Develop a proposal for the AAHSL board for necessary expertise and funding to conduct research in this area if a research approach is needed

The task force had two conference calls, one on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and another on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to clarify the above charge and begin identifying recommendations for the AAHSL Board. Two approaches under discussion are a survey of membership or a virtual town hall meeting.

This task force also met at the AAMC meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> to review the options for identifying and prioritizing core values of the AAHSL membership. It was decided that we will survey the members in order to identify and prioritize core values.

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