

CHICAGO COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP

Year Report September 25, 2013

The current Chicago Collaborative Working Group consists of four AAHSL members, with the chair serving as a co-convenor of the Chicago Collaborative (CC), working closely with a contracted operations manager and a publisher association appointed co-convenor. An AAHSL Board liaison is one of the four members of the CC Working Group. Other AAHSL CC representatives support CC administration, promote/plan CC programs and initiatives, and create educational programming.

A new co-convenor for 2014, Paul Schoening, (co-convenor-elect for the CC during 2013) will start after the Nov. AAHSL meeting. Debbie Sibley was appointed as the fourth member of the AAHSL CC Working Group. She resigned August 13, and Brenda Seago was appointed to replace her. After the November 2013 CC meeting, Jean Shipman will rotate off the CC. A decision needs to be made as to whether a fourth member should be appointed, as CC discussions indicated that organization should have up to two representatives at the maximum; however, this was not officially approved. A contracted operations manager continues to be funded by the AAHSL Board.

This year, the CC Working Group continued to assist with shaping the future sustainability for the CC, in partnership with the AAHSL Board. Discussions about a different governing and financial support structure have occurred. A proposal was presented to the AAHSL Board by the Chicago Collaborative to have CC members pay annual dues with AAHSL remaining as the administrative organization. In 2015, a different model is being examined with a proposal coming forth from the Society for Scholarly Publishing.

Strategic Goals & Administrative Support: The CC Working Group continues to support AAHSL strategic goals and provide administrative support to the CC. Strategic goals were defined in 2011 as including “supporting the AAHSL Board strategy of promoting ongoing dialog and examination of issues of joint concern and importance to AAHSL and STM publishers and editors, and developing and promoting a presence for AAHSL among STM publishers and editors.”

Providing administrative support for the organized group of representatives from various publishing and editorial organizations continues to be a key contribution of the Working Group. This support includes convening a spring and fall meeting of CC representatives, setting agendas and publishing meeting notes, developing and supporting educational activities and courses, including an MLA CE course, and designing and maintaining robust CC portal and promotional materials. The portal, created by the University of Utah Eccles Library using Drupal, includes a calendar of future and log of past events, minutes from CC meetings, public discussion forums on the topics identified by AAHSL members to be of key importance to them for CC discussion, presentations provided by

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the CC, and working space for the CC. Engagement with the public forums continues to be minimal so no further work has been done. The brochure, buttons and exhibit banners continue to be used at conferences and meetings for promotional purposes.

A signed MOU between AAHSL and Margaret Reich, CC Operations Manager, was renewed for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. In addition to administrative support for CC meetings, Margaret lends credibility with various publishing and editorial associations.

CC Meetings (from November 2012; see also events listing and calendar on CC website, <http://chicago-collaborative.org/>):

- Briefing for AAHSL Members, AAMC & AAHSL Annual Meeting, Marriott Hotel, November 4, 2012, San Francisco, CA.
- Chicago Collaborative Fall Meeting, November 7, 2012, Marriott Hotel, San Francisco, CA.
- Chicago Collaborative Spring Meeting, May 23, 2013, Palomar Hotel, Chicago, IL.
- A fall meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA at the Marriott Hotel at the conclusion of the AAMC/AAHSL annual meeting on November 6&7, 2013.

Education & Publicity Events:

- Libraries 101: A team of librarian members of the CC chaired by Debbie Sibley is fleshing out the developed outline.
- A third annual roundtable sequel chat session with seven librarians was offered upon request by the SSP Program Committee at the 2013 Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP) meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- MLA CE Course on biomedical publishing: Course was accepted for MLA 2014 in Chicago, IL.
- CC Presentations & Exhibits: A past CC member mentioned the CC during his UKSG presentation in April 2013 in Bournemouth, England. The CC also had an exhibit booth courtesy of SSP at its annual meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- Mary Somerville, University Librarian, Auraria Library, University of Colorado, Denver, referenced the Chicago Collaborative in an article in Collaborative Librarianship, Vol 5, No 1 (2013):
<http://collaborativelibrarianship.org/index.php/jocl/issue/view/20>

Of Special Note: The continued participation in the CC by 8 of 9 of the original organizations is an indication of their desire to continue to engage in CC deliberations. SSP's interest in serving a larger role with the CC will be documented in a proposal to the AAHSL Board within the year.

Also, SSP is very interested in the CC educational programming to promote to their members as educational opportunities. There remains the potential to co-develop additional sessions to reach an international audience.

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Motion: This report is informational and requires no action by the AAHSL Board of Directors.

Chicago Collaborative Working Group Members

Jean Shipman, Chair and CC AAHSL Co-Convener (2008-2013)

Paul Schoening, Chair-elect 2013 (2012-14)

Karen Butter, Board Liaison, (2011-)

Debbie Sibley (November 2012-August 2013)

Brenda Seago (September 2013-15)

Margaret Reich, Operations Manager, 2011+