Minutes
STS Council at ALA Annual
Monday July 17, 2017 – 4:00-5:00 p.m. (EDT)
Virtual Meeting via Free Conference Call

1. Welcome & Introductions (5 min)
a. Present - Fran Rosen, Li Zhang, Kristen Cooper, Greg Nelson, Hannah Rempel, Mary Linn Bergstrom, Larayne Dallas, Matt Marsteller, Sara Scheib, Andrew Stuart, Rachel Hamelers, Wayne Strickland, John Meier, Patricia Kenly, Barbara Harvey, Kara Whatley, Eileen Harrington, Luti Salisbury, Ginny Pannabecker, Li Zhang, Melissa Gold, Stephanie Pierce

2. Additions/Changes to the agenda (3 min)
a. Check the date/time and update it

3. Report From and Questions to ACRL Board Liaison, Beth McNeil - if available (10 min)
a. No report

4. Reports from Committees (if members present to report)
   ● Assessment - Barbara Harvey,
     o Assessment surveyed STS members focused on the remodel of the ALA schedule; there were 40ish responses; still working out the logistics for sending out the survey to get more responses; one suggestion is to target STS members who were registered for Annual; Assessment will be working on another survey project - a longitudinal study of STEM librarians to have more of an ethnographic view of needs and behaviors; Rachel Besara already has the IRB underway for this project through Florida State University (her institution). Assessment is following up from a survey done about 10 years ago
   ● Awards - Matt Marsteller, Sara Scheib
     o gave the Oberly Award criteria to the Exec Cmte; there is Emerging Leader funding for STS -so the Awards Committee will be bringing an Emerging Leader in after recommending an applicant to the chair; during this off-year for the Oberly award they want to recruit more nominations for the award and be more active about seeking out more award-worthy resources; they are considering non-monetary awards; the Innovation Award is looking at a non-monetary option; broader criteria for this award need to be implemented based on past recommendations.
       • ACTION: Andrew will be following up with gathering the info shared (from several years ago) and implementing the new criteria.
   ● Conference Planning New Orleans 2018 - Fran Rosen
     o Deadline for the conference proposal to ALA is Aug. 25; the committee will be sending out a Qualtrics survey to the STS list asking about which of two options for the program people prefer - choice 1 - science literacy
Government Information - Patricia Kenly, Wayne Strickland
  o had Sandra Lee from the Fermi Lab in Chicago, has a new database called PAGES - DOE-funded author database; Amanda Wilson spoke - National Library of Medicine - her focus is public access plans; Wayne Strickland from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) reviewed the open/public access for the National Technical Reports Library (NTRL) and the NTIS federal data mission going forward; 20 attendees - this worked well for the room size; some webinars may result based on these presentations through the GPO; the presentations have been shared with Bonnie Fong to put on the STS LibGuide

Information Literacy - Kristen Cooper,
  o will be using the STS LibGuide for information literacy suggestions - need to transition this from the Indiana University East LibGuides interface to the ACRL STS LibGuide interface; will continue conducting chats on IL; the chat recordings are on the current STS LibGuide

Liaisons - Ginny Pannabecker, Li Zhang
  o They have filled several liaison positions including those for - ASIST, IAMSLIC, SLA - DST section, USAIN, IATUL, and SLA- PAM; the liaison reports have accidentally been removed from the website - they are working to restore them. Working on filling the liaison for AAAS. They are talking with the ACRL Liaisons Coordinating committee to figure out how to get to the next step. The next step is to go through STS Exec, who then sends it to ALA. Mary Linn Bergstrom will send information on how the IFLA rep was chosen last time. The committee also hosted an online forum with presentations from the liaisons to ASIST, MLA, and Assoc for Engineering Education. The recordings will be sent out on STS-L. The committee’s goal for the year is to communicate more about what liaisons are doing and to check in with the liaisons to establish a more regular reporting timeline. The Liaisons committee is also working on updating their written procedures to make them more clear.
    ▪ ACTION: Andrew and Mary Linn will follow up to double check that the IFLA nomination actually went through. Andrew will make sure that procedures (for any committee that wants to post it) are put up on the STS Manual in the ACRL STS LibGuides.

Membership and Recruitment - Andrew for Michelle Leonard (who could not attend)
  o The committee has redesigned the membership number emails, are continuing with the Spotlight features distributed through STS-L; have updated the brochure; did a great job sponsoring the STS breakfast.

Nominating Committee - Mary Linn Bergstrom
  o working on contacting nominees; feel free to nominate others or yourself. Open positions include - Publicity Officer, M@L, Vice-Chair, Secretary

Organization and Planning - John Meier, 
  o they will be working on putting more information on the ACRL STS LibGuides. They finished the plan for excellence report. For next year,
they will be sending a prompt to co-chairs in August asking for each committee’s goals. This will make the spring reporting out easier and will help to guide the committees’ work throughout the year.

- **Professional Development - Melissa Gold**
  - revamping the mentoring program to a less moderated method, people can self select mentors; more mentees might be needed at some point; they are trying to get the results of the last Professional Development Survey posted - the survey runs every two years. Questions the committee is grappling with: Does this survey really need to happen every two years? Should they change the focus on these surveys? The committee has also been working on a Science Librarian BootCamp website to provide a toolkit for hosting a BootCamp. They will move their content to LibGuides.

- **Publications - no report**

- **Research - Hannah Rempel**
  - Held the STS Research Forum and Poster Sessions at Annual - these went well. The committee tried to host Birds of a Feather discussion tables during the poster session, but this experiment didn’t work in the venue provided (no tables).

- **Scholarly Communication - Luti Salisbury**
  - continuing to post the ScholComm posts each month on STS-L; plan to host an informal session at Midwinter this year. Plan to put the ScholComm posts on LibGuides soon.

- **Science Resources: Discovery and Access. - Greg Nelson**
  - Looked at Science Resource Blog stats and looked at the effectiveness of these as compared to social media. They have assigned a blog coordinator, which has helped to involve more people on their committee. They would like to survey their committee members, see what listservs they are on, and then see what different venues they could post their posts to.

**Note for all committees:** To get a LibGuide for your committee - ask Andrew - he is the administrator for STS LibGuides. You need a specific login through Megan Griffin at ACRL. Committee chairs are not expected to set up a LibGuide, but it is fine to use this platform to display resources that are for the benefit of the profession.

5. **Reports from Discussion Groups (Anything to report)**
   - **College Science Librarians - Stephanie Pierce**
     - no report
   - **Hot Topics - Hannah Rempel**
     - collaborated with ACRL ScholComm and STS ScholComm to do a session - collaboration was positive, but giving up the time slot immediately following the STS breakfast led to a drop in attendance
   - **Publisher/Vendor Relations - Larayne Dallas**
     - brainstormed several options for sessions; got some advice on what works well for the group
6. Executive Committee Actions
   a. Information Literacy Framework Taskforce
      i. still working on appointing volunteers for this TF, plans to do that this month
      i. Moving forward with a non-monetary award and a plaque instead. Exec Comm. still needs to talk about the timeline for next calling for nominations for this award. Need to check if the new criteria have been okayed by ACRL. If the criteria have not yet been approved by ACRL, then the award will need to wait to be awarded for another 2 years.
         1. **ACTION**: Kara and Andrew will work on finding out the status of the criteria - will follow up with Chase Ollis.
      ii. Thanks to Eileen Harrington and Karen Grigg for their service; the responsibility for this will now be with the Awards Committee
   c. Issues in Science and Technology Libraries Publishing
      i. will facilitate a conversation between STS Publications and ISTL board to suggest platform changes
   d. Oberly Award Criteria revision
      i. Andrew met with Chase Ollis about the revised criteria; we will get an action to have the criteria revision go before the ACRL board before the next award cycle.

7. New Business (10 min)
   ● Annual conference reimbursements to Megan Griffin by August 1.
   ● Adjournment