**ACRL-STS Publisher/Vendor Relations Discussion Group Committee Meeting**

**ALA Annual – New Orleans**

*Saturday (6/24/2017) 8:30 – 10:00 am; Sheraton New Orleans- Borgne room*

*Meeting as part of the STS All-Committees session*

**Agenda of the meeting**

1. Introductions
2. Updates from STS Council
3. Review of our Midwinter 2018 event on “Measuring Research Impact: What Really Counts”
4. Potential topics for future discussion sessions
5. Planning for 2019 Midwinter

-Discussion-group format

-Contacting speakers

-Jobs for members

1. Other topics for the committee?

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Notes from the Annual 2018 meeting of the

**Publisher/Vendor Relations Discussion Group Committee**

Attending: Edward Lener (co-chair) and Elizabeth Soergel (co-chair)

Members Not Present: Barry Brown, Patty McCall, and Brynne Norton

Introductions

Updates from STS Council

* STS committees and discussion groups will now be able to post content on LibGuides.
* Reports for the ACRL Plan for Excellence are due by July 6th (this has been submitted).
* There were several hundred program proposals for the ACRL 2019 conference, so the acceptance rate was lower than in past years.
* There was considerable discussion about improving equity, diversion, and inclusion within the section. More on this will be shared in the STS Poster Session and at the STS Hot Topics Discussion Group.

Review of our Midwinter 2018 event

* Had over 45 attendees, that was up from previous year
* Having it at the conference center worked well and was easy for people to find
* Three speakers were just right for the 90-minute time slot
* Evaluations afterward were favorable

Potential Topics for Future Discussion Groups

* Non-traditional products such as research analytics and data management services or data visualization software
* Small publishers in STEM disciplines
* Dropping “big deal” journal packages

Planning for 2019 Midwinter

* Need to submit room request details in August to STS Chair John Meier
* Should try to finalize topic by late September/early October
* Identify and confirm speakers in October/November
* Send speaker details to Megan Griffin at ACRL by early December. Free conference registration is offered to non-librarian speakers. No other honorarium is available.

Other?

* When contacting publishers to identify a speaker it is important to emphasize that our discussion group does not want a sales pitch. Someone in a research position at the company can often be a suitable choice.
* Speakers should be encouraged to upload their presentations to the ALA conference website and to do in advance of the session if possible.
* Co-Chairs typically serve as moderators. Should develop a list of questions and discussion prompts in advance to have on hand as needed.