

## 2002-2003 BLFC Continuing Education Committee (CEC) Annual Report

### Committee members:

#### (2001-2003)

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#### (2002-2004)

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### Charges to the committee

1. Review the Fall 2001 Continuing Education Survey results and use them to identify program topics and speakers.

The results of the survey showed several high interest topics, including future implications for library services (55%), metadata (68%), and sharing conference experiences (45%). This year's programs on internet use by college students, federated searching, and file-sharing addressed the future of library services. One ALA Midwinter program provided an opportunity for sharing conference experiences. A possible spring program on metadata was cancelled early in the planning process when the committee learned that the Digital Library Program was planning a similar workshop.

2. Investigate acquiring a permanent source of funding for future CEC programs.

Given this year's grim financial environment, the committee did not actively pursue a permanent source of funding for future programs.

3. Continue brown bag lunch discussion series.

The committee organized five discussions in this popular low-key format. Attendance was typically between 12 and 15 librarians, though the federated searching program drew 22 participants. A list of programs follows this report.

4. Work more closely with InULA's committees and other groups and committees to identify common programs and additional funding.

The committee assisted in providing publicity for an ARL teleconference "Safeguarding Our Patrons' Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know about the USA PATRIOT Act and Related Anti-Terrorism Measures" (<http://www.arl.org/patriot/index.html>) sponsored by Main Library Public Services

Heads with funding from an InULA Professional Development Grant. More proactive work should be done next year if this charge remains.

5. Present a program on the peer-review process and/or writing an annual report for the peer review process. Consider working with Yolanda Cooper and the 2001/2002 Peer Review Committee to identify useful topics.

A program on “Preparing an Effective Annual Review” was presented twice in early December 2002. See more information below.

6. Continue to explore new ways of building community through continuing education programs.

Survey results indicated that current preferences are for brown bag lunch and panel presentation formats. The more informal lunch discussions seem to be especially effective in bringing people together in that they provide a greater opportunity for discussion and interaction. A comment from the survey about a program for earning credits by observing/shadowing colleagues is an interesting idea worth further discussion.

### **Recommendations and ideas for 2003-2004**

The committee recommends that all of this year’s charges be continued with the exception of charge #2, “Investigate acquiring a permanent source of funding for future CEC programs.” While the object of this charge is laudable, the possible funding sources are few. Perhaps this charge should be reworded or dropped.

The committee generated a number of program ideas that could not be presented in 2002-2003, but may be of interest for next year’s committee.

Potential lunch discussion topics:

*The Information Bomb* by Paul Virilio

*Blur* by Stanley M. Davis & Christopher Meyer

*The Poet and the Murderer* by Simon Worrall

“Institutional Repositories: Essential Infrastructure for Scholarship in the Digital Age” by Clifford Lynch (<http://www.arl.org/newsltr/226/ir.html>)

Other potential programs:

Information Commons: After our IC is up and running, we could ask: What have we learned, what are implications for other library units, campus libraries, etc.?

Records retention for librarians: a discussion on retaining records from librarian faculty committees, administrative committees, and from other professional activities of individual librarians. Many of us are familiar with trying to dig up old reports or being presented with a box of old committee documents when we assume the chair of a committee. How can we do this better?

## **2002-2003 Programs**

### **Brown-bag lunch discussion series (charge #3)**

*The Internet Goes to College* (Pew Internet & American Life Project, September 15, 2002) <http://www.pewinternet.org/reports/toc.asp?Report=71>

Discussion leader: Emily Okada

November 7, 2002

Number of librarians attending: 15

Elizabeth Johnson (Lilly Library), "Distant Places and Strange Peoples: Travel Books for Children in the Elisabeth Ball Collection"

January 15, 2003

Number of librarians attending: 13

ALA Midwinter Round-up

February 6, 2003

Number of librarians attending: 12

New ways of searching: The state of the market for federated searching and linking solutions

Discussion leaders: Julie Bobay, Kris Brancolini, Jian Liu.

Number of librarians attending: 22

File-sharing and the future of pop music

Discussion leader: Emma Dederick

Number of librarians attending: 12

### **Program on peer review or writing annual reviews (charge #5)**

*Preparing an Effective Annual Review*

Advice on writing position descriptions and annual reviews by Diane Dallis and Lois Sewell of the 2001-2002 Peer Committee for Annual Merit Review; and an update on current and upcoming issues relating to the review process by Julie Bobay, chair of the BLFC Faculty Standards Committee.

Presented twice in Main Library E174.

Monday, December 2, 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Number of librarians attending: 13

Tuesday, December 3, 9:00 to 10:30 am

Number of librarians attending: 13