



TS-SIS Executive Board Meeting Thursday, October 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM Pacific

1. Welcome/Attendance

Eric Parker (Chair), Ajaye Bloomstone, Sharon Bradley, Gilda Chiu, Carol Collins, John Hostage, Lauren Seney, Marijah Sroczyński, Hollie White, and Guest: Allen Keely (TS-SIS Task Force on the Role of Committees)

2. Annual Meeting 2017

Eric announced that the deadline for submitting the annual meeting matrix to HQ is November 18, and SIS meeting forms are due by December 1. He asked that chairs submit meeting times by November 4. They may contact him directly or use Hollie's matrix planning document to note preferred times.

Ajaye informed the group that the TS-SIS Education Committee has submitted the proposal for an off-site workshop to be held at the University of Texas, Austin.

Eric asked about the prospects of an off-site Marla Schwartz reception. Hollie cautioned about the difficulty of raising money with an off-site venue. John added that his impression was that the logistics, cost, and uncertainty may have deterred folks from committing to last year's benefit. The issue will be discussed again in the next few weeks.

Eric noted that a "Hot Topic" spot will be requested.

Lauren asked if the incoming/outgoing meeting was being planned during the Exhibit Hall break as in the previous year; and if the directive about holding a meeting could be resolved by the TS-SIS By-laws. Hollie stated that if time allowed a by-laws change could be made. Since the number of meetings are limited to ten, Eric stated his preference of offering programs that benefit members, and the incoming/outgoing meeting time would be revisited.

3. Report from the Task Force on the Role of Committees

Last year the Executive Board formed a committee to examine the impact of committees and their work within the TS-SIS. The "Final Report and Recommendations" was presented to last year's board in July and is now being presented to the new board. Alan Keely gave a summary of the survey conducted by the Task Force, reporting that 97 responses were received. Overall, he felt the survey did not probe far enough regarding committees. He observed from a 20-year history that the committee structure, until recently, is just a place holder for identification. Within the groups exist sub-groups, and this is where much of the work takes place. He suggested flattening the structure to alleviate the scheduling crunch.

Hollie stated that because she does not work in cataloging, acquisitions or serials, TS-SIS does not offer a committee she can join. She emphasized her respect for the committee chairs and

the work being done, but she wonders if the structure supports or reflects the changes in the profession. She expressed that current and future members could be better served by an updated structure. Sharon commented that the current structure is unsustainable and sees change as necessary. Alan commented that committee structure has not changed since 1995, and the profession has seen transformation over the last 20 years. He stated another finding of the report was the need for clear committee charges.

Hollie cautioned that structural changes could be challenging. Marijah echoed the sentiment and expressed the need for care and consideration to encourage harmony. Sharon stressed the need for openness and transparency and that small tweaks may be necessary to keep the committees active and vibrant. Alan concluded that existing categories do not meet current needs, and TS is not keeping up with changes in libraries. Hollie agreed, and sees an opportunity in making the organization more relevant to members. John voiced a concern that if TS committees are not meeting the needs of the members, then there exists a need to know what those needs are. Alan agreed.

Eric gave options for actions on moving forward with the current report. (1) We adopt the current survey and come up with an action plan on how to implement the recommendations. (2) We reconstruct the survey. Lauren suggested conducting an internal review to revitalize and reconfigure the committees in a fashion that represents current trends. Eric asked Hollie if the annual reports were on the website for review. She affirmed and reported that the original task force had surveyed the membership, but she is not sure that the chairs were surveyed separately.

Alan mentioned the recent educational offerings by the Professional Development Committee that engages members more than once a year as a positive effort. Ajaye stated that the Professional Development Committee has two goals. One is to provide quality education at the annual meeting and the other is to provide five quality educational opportunities in addition to the annual meeting. To further boost educational opportunities, a reciprocal agreement has been reached with ALA in the posting of CE opportunities between list serves.

Eric proposed forming an ad hoc committee to capture the feedback needed from chairs and past chairs. Survey design was discussed. With time being short, Eric expressed a desire to continue the discussion beyond the call. He asked if the conversation could continue over email, and all attendees agreed.

4. Revenue source(s)

Our Secretary/Treasurer, Diana, could not be on the call today. She is expecting to hear from HQ later this month about where we stand with money as an SIS, which will impact our decision-making on issues such as offering a grant to the AALL Management Institute in March.

5. New business

No new business

6. Adjourn

John Hostage made a motion to adjourn and Lauren Seney seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM Pacific.

Submitted by Carol Collins, TS-SIS Member-at-Large