

ECLSS Newsletter

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Notes from the Section Chair Barton Lessin

Nineteen ninety-one may prove to be a watershed year in the advancement of off-campus library services. Here are some of the reasons that I make this suggestion:

- The publication of Library Services for Off-campus and Distance Education: An Annotated Bibliography.
- The publication of "Off-campus Library Programs in Higher Education," Library Trends 39(4).
- The publication of Off-campus Library Services: Selected Readings from Central Michigan University's Off-campus Library Services Conferences.
- The convening of the 5th Off-campus Library Services Conference.
- The establishment of OFFCAMP@WAYNE1, the BITNET list for those interested in off-campus library services.
- The initial development of the Center for Off-campus Library Services.

Off-campus library services seemingly received more attention in 1991 than at any time during the last ten years. The ECLSS has proven an important part of this consideration. Although only in its second year, this Section has already made significant progress and gives every indication of potential growth for years to come. Now with over 240 members the Section has by-laws approved by the ACRL Board, fully operating committees, plans for programs at the ALA conferences in San Francisco and New Orleans, and this, the first issue of its Newsletter.

As a voluntary organization, ECLSS relies on its members to provide human resources and direction so that it may in turn serve those same members. The ECLSS offers a variety of opportunities for your participation and I

encourage you to be an active member in the most rapidly growing of the ACRL sections (8000% in 19- 91!). As you will read in this newsletter, there are a variety of ways to be involved and to participate with your colleagues in activities which will support the further promotion and development of off-campus library services. Plan on attending the ECLSS meetings in San Antonio and perhaps volunteering to serve on a Section committee.

I hope that you will find this Newsletter interesting and helpful. Your comments on the Newsletter and ECLSS activities are most welcome.

Notes from the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect Colleen Power

Volunteers anyone? The Extended Campus Library Services Section has seven Committees which will have fourteen scheduled vacancies by June 1992. We presently have four vacancies due to no-shows and resignations. As the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, it's my responsibility to make new appointments to the Extended Campus Library Services Section Committees for the next year, some of which must be appointed immediately, the remainder by February.

Our committees looking for new members include:
COMMUNICATIONS: Working on the new Newsletter, public relations contacts with journals regarding ECLSS work, writing articles about our activities for CRL News, etc.

PLANNING: Charting the progress of the Section and establishing objectives for Executive Committee review.
GUIDELINES: This committee is about to begin a major research project on the effectiveness of the new 1990 Guidelines.

CONFERENCE PLANNING, NEW ORLEANS: Especially looking for Louisiana and Gulf Coast people who

know New Orleans.

MEMBERSHIP: Working on promotion of the section, increasing membership, maintaining the membership list.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE CENTER FOR OFF-CAMPUS LIBRARY SERVICES: This committee is assisting in the development of an initiative to make information about off-campus library services more accessible to academic librarians.

We are eager to have our new Section reach out to all members in all types of libraries and in all parts of the country. After all, this is the extended campus group! Please attend the Midwinter meetings and give your business card to the Committee Chair if the work of that committee interests you. If you think you will be able to commit to four successive ALA meetings, please volunteer! Send me your vitae and your committee appointment choices. I have thus far received only two volunteer requests. I can be reached by E-mail at: cpower@OAVAXCSUChico.edu, through the FAX at 916-898-6526 or the old-fashioned way: P.O. Box 6640, Chico, Calif. 95927.

MIDWINTER MEETING SCHEDULE

1/25/92 Saturday
Executive Committee, 8p.m. - 10p.m.

1/26/92 Sunday
Committee Meetings, 9a.m. - 11a.m.
Planning Committee
Communications Committee
Guidelines Committee
New Orleans Program Committee
San Francisco Program Planning Committee

● Committee Meetings, 2p.m. - 4p.m.
New Orleans Program Committee

Committee Meetings, 2p.m. - 5:30p.m.
Advisory Committee to the Center for Off-Campus Library Services

1/27/92 Monday
ECLSS Discussion Group, 9a.m. - 11a.m.

Executive Committee, 11:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Committee Meetings, 2p.m. - 4p.m.

Planning Committee
Communications Committee
Guidelines Committee
Membership Committee
San Francisco Program Committee

ACRL NATIONAL MEETING

Any off-campus librarian planning to attend the ACRL meeting scheduled for Salt Lake City, April 12 - 14, 1992 and interested in getting together for a dinner? or reception? should contact Rob Morrison, Reference Librarian, Merrill Library, Utah State University. His phone number is (801) 75-1477 and he is a member of the Off-campus Listserve.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the *ECLSS Newsletter* are sought from members of the Section and anyone else who has an interest in off-campus or extended campus library services. If you have news to report, a brief description of a special project, or results of research to share, send the information to any member of the Communications Committee listed below.

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PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Three publications that should be of interest to all members of the section are:

Latham, Sheila; Slade, Alexander & Budnick, Carol, Editors. Library Services for Off-Campus & Distance Education: An Annotated Bibliography. LC 91-6399. 272p. (ISBN 0-8389-2157-4). American Library Association.

Lessin, Barton M., (Ed.). Off-campus Library Services: Selected Reading from Central Michigan University's Off-campus Library Services Conferences. LC91-38119. (ISBN 0-8108-2512-0). Scarecrow Press, 1991.

"Off-Campus Library Programs in Higher Education." William Aguilar, Marie Kascus, Lori Keenan Issue Editors. Library Trends, Spring 1991, Volume 90.

OFF-CAMPUS LIBRARY SERVICES CONFERENCE

One hundred and seventy-two librarians and educational administrators representing one hundred and twenty three institutions located in thirty-nine states, the District of Columbia, five Canadian provinces and three foreign countries attended the Fifth Off-campus Library Services Conference held in Albuquerque, NM, October 30th - November 1st. The conference, which was sponsored by Central Michigan University, was jam-packed with information for the beginning and experienced off-campus/distance education librarian. The conference began with an inspirational address by Elizabeth Burge of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. The concurrent paper sessions which followed covered topics such as interinstitutional planning, cooperation and contracts, licensure/accréditation, technology, bibliographic instruction, evaluation techniques and reports of research. All attendees to the Conference received a copy of the published Proceedings. Others interested in purchasing a copy of the Fifth Off-campus Library Services Conference Proceedings (\$35) may contact Judith Porter, Park Library 207, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859, (517) 774-3500 or 1-800-274-3838.

Center for Off-Campus Library Services

The Wayne State University Libraries and the W.S.U. College of Lifelong Learning have provided start-up funding to develop a clearinghouse of materials for and about library services to off-campus/extended campus/distance education programs. The clearinghouse, to be called the Center for Off-Campus Library Services, will be housed at Wayne State University. An advisory committee has been established by ECLSS to provide guidance on collection development, dissemination, and budgetary issues. Although the Center hopes to maintain archival copies of all commercially published materials (articles and books, etc.), an equally important focus will be in-house/instructional materials such as those for extended campus users, interinstitutional contracts and agreements, policy and procedure statements, statistical reports, feasibility studies, research/survey results, and library association documents. A list of categories and instructions for submitting materials is now in development. It is expected that this list will be available prior to ALA-San Francisco and will appear in the next edition of this newsletter.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ATLANTA 1991 ACRL-ECLSS SECTION

Following introductions and announcements, Barton Lessin outlined the accomplishments of the Section in its first year.

- Establishment of Bylaws
- Version 1.0 of the Section Manual
- Section committees have been formed:
 - Planning
 - San Francisco Program
 - New Orleans Program
 - Membership
 - Communication
 - Guidelines
 - Bylaws
 - Nominations
 - Advisory Committee to the Center for Off-campus Library Services
- Total section membership: 189

A report on the Executive Committee meeting, June 29 followed.

- The Executive Committee voted to promote the Off-Campus Library Services Conference that will be held in Albuquerque, October 30-November 1.
- It was announced, and a handout with details was distributed, about the new BITNET list-serve, OFF-CAMP sponsored by Wayne State University.

•Colleen Powers, Sandy Slade, Marie Kascus and Gloria Lebowitz were appointed by the Executive Committee to serve as an Advisory Committee to Wayne State University in the creation of the Center for Off-campus Library Services. The Center will be patterned after LOEX with the intent of soliciting and making available materials related to off-campus services.

Reports by the committee chairs followed:

- Membership, Maynard Lowry, Chair.

The membership committee prepared a flyer about the ECLSS section which is being distributed at the ACRL booth in the Exhibit area. Maynard raised the subject of creating a directory or combined database of professional association with which we may share interests. Such a list should include a list of contacts.

- Planning, Lynn LaBrake, Chair.

Lynn reported on the progress made in the last year by the Planning Committee.

- "Version 1.0" of the *Section Manual for Officers and Committee Members* was distributed to the Executive Committee and committee chairs in attendance. The following changes will be made and new copies distributed to the Executive Committee and committee chairs.

1. Committee charges will be added in committee section.
2. Bylaws is a standing committee for 1990-91 and was changed to ad hoc status for 1991-92.
3. Meeting highlights reports should be sent directly to ACRL, with a copy to section chair.
4. In the description of the Program Committee, the manual stated there were six members on the committee. At the suggestion of Colleen Power, (Vice Chair, Chair Elect, 1991-92) any reference of committee size was eliminated

to allow for expansion of committee as need dictates.

The Executive Committee expressed thanks to Lynn and her committee for their hard work and great job on the manual.

B. Developed section goals and objectives for 1990-92 in conjunction with ACRL goals and objectives. These were completed by the Committee with the additional work done by Julie Todaro and Eric Palo.

C. A history of the Section was written by Mary Joyce Pickett.

D. Completed ACRL Strategic Planning Inventory.

E. Made recommendations to the ECLSS Executive Committee for following actions to accomplish proposed goals and objectives:

Goal: Increase communication, both within and beyond Section.

Recommendation: The Executive Committee establish a Communications Committee to develop and issue a section newsletter, provide a formal communication channel with ECLSS member, appropriate ACRL/ALA units, and outside agencies (i.e. ALISE, BIS), make regular submissions to *C&RL News*, and to determine other appropriate journals for ECLSS news, investigate requirements for submission (deadlines, forms and schedules).

Goal: Increase membership of the Section.

Recommendation: The Executive Committee establish a Membership Committee, with responsibility to encourage membership and to develop and maintain a membership list.

Goal: Increase visibility of Section.

Activities in progress: Program Committee planning for 1992 Conference in San Francisco.

Recommendation: The Executive committee establish a Conference Planning Committee for New Orleans, 1993; that a separate committee be established for

each year's conference. also suggested that the new Communications Committee issue a call for proposals for ECLSS entries in poster sessions for ACRL meeting in Salt Lake City in April 1992.

Goal: To promulgate ECLSS Guidelines

Recommendation: The Executive Committee establish a committee to promulgate Guidelines to regional and professional accrediting agencies, continuing education and appropriate state agencies.

Outcome: Executive Committee has established recommended committees for 1991-92.

Planning Committee activities for 1991-92.

- to develop planning recommendations for 1992-93, 1993-94
- to pursue consideration of the need for a Research or Education Committee
- to develop mechanism for review of ECLSS activities to facilitate ACRL Strategic Inventory and reviews

- Communication, Ken Marks, Chair.

Ken announced that the newsletter will be coming out twice a year.

- Discussion Group, Virginia Witucke, Chair.

Virginia announced that the discussion group had been officially dissolved by the ACRL Board. A petition for recreation, under the ECLS section, will be circulated for signatures, submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and forwarded to the ACRL Board.

- Nominations, Mary Joyce Pickett, Chair.

Mary Joyce announced that the Nomination Committee would be meeting to determine candidates for vice-chair and member-at-large. Due to the personal nature of these discussions, this will be a closed meeting.

- San Francisco Program, Kathleen O'Connor, Chair.

Tentative plans for San Francisco program were announced. The program title is "The Right to Know and Learning at a Distance" and will be held on Saturday, 2-4 p.m. The program will feature two main presenters: one a representative from a regional accrediting agency and secondly, a college administrator/librarian with accreditation experience. Following these two speakers, three "regional commentators" will discuss accreditation issues

in their regions. A question and answer session will follow. Barton Lessin has agreed to be the moderator.

Other business:

Sandy Slade announced the recent publication by the American Library Association and the Canadian library Association of *Library Services for Off-Campus and Distance Education* by Sheila Latham, Alexander Slade and Carol Budnick. An announcement will be made at the Section meeting to alert members to this publication. Sandy recommended everyone read:

Hamlin, Arthur T. "Library Services for College Extension Programs." In U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Subcommittee on Education. Higher Education Act of 1965: Hearings on S. 600. Part III. 89th Congress, 1st Session Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1965, 1492-1506. (United States Government Publications, Depository Collection, at. no. 12344. August 1965). Y.4.L. 11/2:h53-part 3.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

OFF-CAMP@WAYNEST1

- o Are you interested in off-campus library services?
- o Would you like to communicate with other academic librarians about off-campus library support?
- o Would you like an inexpensive way to obtain information about off-campus library programs around the country and the world?
- o Does your institution provide you with access to BITNET?

OFF-CAMP@WAYNEST1 is a BITNET list which was created specifically to enhance communications among those of us interested in off-campus library services. OFFCAMP@WAYNEST1 is available to all BITNET users and permits the transfer of messages and files to members of the list.

Getting on to the OFFCAMP list is easy. Just send a BITNET message to BLESSIN@WAYNEST1 (Barton

Lessin) and ask to be added to the OFFCAMP list. At your first logon to the list, you'll get a greeting message which will explain how the list works and how to drop your subscription should you choose to discontinue the list.

Take advantage of OFFCAMP@WAYNEST1 at your earliest convenience. Remember, as the list grows there will be enhanced opportunity for exchange of information.

OFFCAMP@WAYNEST1 has the endorsement of the Extended Campus Library Services Section Executive Committee.

The Wayne State University Libraries are host to and provide maintenance for OFFCAMP@WAYNEST1

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