

**MILEX Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, January 17, 2008  
10AM – 12 PM  
Cook Library, Towson University

Present: Sharon Casey (CCDC-Dundalk) ; Susan Cooperstein (Loyola/Notre Dame Library); Sarah Crest (TU); Stephen Ford (SU); Uta Hussong (JMBC); Sara Nixon (TU); Ginny Polley (Villa Julie); Randy Smith (Goucher)

The minutes for the September 7, 2007 meeting were approved.

**Report from the Chair**

*Sarah Crest*

- Georgia Conference –
  - K-16 focus on the promotion of information literacy with an emphasis on collaboration between teachers and librarians
- After a discussion initiated by Sarah, the decision was made to have an area on the MILEX Web site with links to upcoming conferences that might be of interest to members
- Sarah and Sharon Casey will work on a MILEX poster for the next annual MLA Conference , May 14 – 16, 2008
- P-20 Information Literacy Subcommittee's use of MILEX wiki
  - Articulation from one level – they have some core material
  - Not necessarily things that they have developed, but also links to resources
  - Our wiki has 10 megabytes of space, so we need to know exactly what they plan to put up
  - There was discussion of putting these resources on our Web site rather than on the wiki
  - MILEX members agreed that it would be good PR/marketing for us to support these materials on our Web site
  - Stephen will communicate with Patty McDonald to find out more about what the P-20 group had in mind
- ACRL has updated their Standards for Proficiencies for Instruction Librarians and Coordinators, which can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/profstandards.cfm>
  - This will be an agenda item for our next meeting
- Sharon Casey initiated a discussion of IL courses taught by librarians, as she has been asked to develop one at her school
  - SC encouraged her to go for a 3-credit course because otherwise it won't transfer
  - SC also said that Thomas has been working on something similar at UB
  - SC talked about collaboration between Nursing and librarians
  - It was noted that IL standards pop up in various settings in institutions of higher education and are often vague
    - Often computer skills and IL are confused and/or intermingled

**Conference and Program Updates**

- Assessment Workshop - *Susan Cooperstein, Uta Hussong*
  - Financials, as reported by Uta

- Registration: \$ 720
  - Food costs: \$ -493.75 (to date)
  - Honorariums, supplies: \$ -131.15
  - **NET: \$95.10**
- We gained 7 new members
  - As a comparison, we netted ~ \$793 for MILEX 2007 Conference
  - Workshop evaluations reported by Susan (Evaluation summary is attached.)
    - Participants wanted to see more of what others were doing than they did and would have preferred more time for discussion
  - Susan will send all available presenters' PowerPoints to Stephen to be posted in the members only area of our Web site
  - Susan recommended continuation of the discussion of assessment in upcoming MILEX meetings
- Conference 2008 –
    - Person sought out as luncheon speaker is used to receiving \$3000 - \$4000 honorarium
      - It was recommended that we speak frankly to him about our financial state and ask if he would be willing to come for \$2000
      - It would require partnering with another organization to support funding for a nationally recognized speaker
      - Sarah Crest will contact someone in DLDS and on the P-20 Subcommittee and Uta will check with ARLD and report back to the group through E-mail in a month, by Friday, February 15th

### Treasurer's Report

*Uta Hussong*

- The balance in our account as of 1/17/08 is \$1778.85 (not including yet to be determined bank fees)
- UMS charges back to us for payments made online – Uta will check to see exactly how much we are being charged
- Discussion of whether to move away from the Foundation and to another service provider such as PayPal, as USMF gives no support
  - The downside is that there is not problem with tax issues because of USMF educational status, we might run into problems otherwise
  - It was noted that even though there are “issues” with the current arrangement, all things considered, the benefits might outweigh the problems
  - Uta will check into the miscellaneous charges that we are paying to USMF and we will discuss this in relation to switching “banks” at the next meeting

### Spring Program

- Collaboration, Gaming, LibGuides.com – research guides for your students
  - Ginny spoke to this – LibGuides. com, which hosts the guides that might consist of resources geared to a particular course, like a Web page,
  - Very easy to set up, but a drawback is that the format is not very flexible
  - Ginny agreed to do a presentation with a colleague on LibGuides at our next meeting in March

## Spring Calendar

- Next meeting – March ( USM Spring break is March 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>)
  - Friday, March 14, 2008, 10 a.m. to noon – UMBC or Timonium (Timonium is it!)
    - As noted above, Ginny will present on LibGuides,
    - It was suggested that attendees could bring a copy of online or other evaluation forms that they have used
- Stephen is using TurningPoint- clickers software – Agreed to do a presentation later in the Spring
- Susan mentioned that the Assessment Workshop committee is willing to do a follow-up on assessment

## Other

- Marianne Laino has asked (through an E-mail to Sara) if anyone in the group has used a dedicated or wired podium for their teacher's workstation –
  - Susan noted that Loyola has one.
  - Stephen mentioned that Salisbury also has touch technology, though not in the library
  - Sarah Crest says that UDC has great technology

The general meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Friday, March 14, 2008, 10 am – noon, at Loyola Graduate Center at Timonium. Parking is free. Directions: <http://graduate.loyola.edu/graduate/about/timoniumcampus.asp> (at the bottom of the page)

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Nixon, MILEX Secretary

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