

Nov. 4, 2010

2010 fall Assembly Report: **Committee on Research**

Roster:

- Kai Stoeckenius, Chair, (2011)
- Lily Castillo-Speed (Affiliated representative) (2011)
- William Benemann (Affiliated representative) (2012)
- Jennifer Dorner (2012)
- Paul Hamburg (Townsend Fellow representative) (2012)
- Lisa Rowlison de Ortiz (2011)

As noted in the Committee's spring report, the past year saw no proposals for LAUC Research Grants, and no applications for the Townsend Center Librarian Fellowship. That report also noted the Committee's collective concern over the absence of applications, and summarized their discussion of possible causes for the lack of interest. Since then the Committee has taken several initiatives to both further explore the reasons why librarians are not taking advantage of this support for research, and to promote and publicize these opportunities.

Survey on librarian research

The committee designed and carried out a survey of LAUC members, in an attempt to gauge their attitudes toward and awareness of LAUC sponsored support for librarian research. Approximately half of the LAUC-B membership responded to the survey. The results confirm that many members feel they do not have sufficient time to devote to a research project apart from their regular jobs; the fact that release time from regular job duties is usually not granted contributes to this feeling. Other reasons cited were denial of a previous application, and unfamiliarity with the process for proposing and carrying out research.

The survey was distributed in August 2010. A summary of the results is attached to this report.

Kai Stoeckenius and Lisa Rowlison de Ortiz reported on the survey results at the LAUC-B Executive Committee meeting on Oct. 14, 2010. Lisa Rowlison de Ortiz will also report on this at the Affiliated Libraries Fall Assembly on Nov. 9, 2010.

CAPA Workshop on Academic Review

Kai Stoeckenius and Paul Hamburg gave a brief presentation on LAUC-B support for research at the annual CAPA workshop on academic review held Oct. 26, 2010.

Workshop on librarian research.

The Committee held a workshop on librarian research for all LAUC-B members on Nov. 10, 2010. The event was intended to promote the various kinds of support available for

librarians to do research, and to elucidate the application process for the Townsend Center Fellowship and LAUC Research Grants.

Letter to review initiators.

The Committee is drafting a letter to be sent to all administrators who are review initiators for librarians asking for their support of librarian research and advocating the value of independent research both for the professional development of the individual and for the Library as a whole.

Statewide LAUC Research, Presentation, and Mini Grants

The 2010-2011 LAUC Research Grant Proposal Call and Calendar was distributed to the LAUC-B membership on Oct. 27, 2010. The deadline for proposals to be submitted to the Committee Chairs is January 12, 2011. As of this writing, no proposals have been received.

Townsend Center Library Fellowship

The Committee has persuaded the Townsend Center to extend the deadline for applications for the Library Fellowship to Dec. 10, 2010. We know of at least one prospective application, although none had been received at this writing.

LAUC-B Web Documentation for the Committee on Research

The Committee is working on updating our web-page on the LAUC-B site with current information for the Townsend Fellowship and LAUC Research grants. We are also working with the Townsend Center to incorporate information on the Library Fellowship on the Center's own web-site.