

LAUC-SD, R&PD

December 4, 2003 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lynda Claassen, Jim Cheng, Rob Melton, Penny Coppernoll-Blach (co-chair), Sue McGuinness (co-chair)

Recorder: Penny Coppernoll-Blach

1. New Committee Charge

The committee members discussed the special charge that was sent by Sam Dunlap to R&PD on November 10th. The charge involves investigating issues surrounding intellectual freedom and privacy in general, and library patron privacy in particular. There was agreement that R&PD should make privacy our focus this year, as well as the issue of information literacy. We are not sure how we can inform our patrons about these issues. We will investigate these issues and will try to provide forums for our members during the year.

2. R&PD Budget

Sue provided copies of the R&PD budget for Fourth Quarter 2002/2003 and for First Quarter 2003/2004. The First Quarter budget still includes balances for Kathy Creely (LIBPJ65), K. Lindvall-Larson (LIBPJ85), and N. Stimson/E. Cowell (LIBPJ89).

ACTION: Sue will follow up with these project owners to see if these monies are still going to be used.

3. R&PD Website Updates

Update deferred until next meeting.

4. Program Ideas

Five possible events were discussed:

A. Peter Irons, UCSD Professor in Political Sciences, is well known for constitutional issues and is a big library user. He might be interested in giving a presentation for us as a constitutional expert.

B. Congressmen Forum – Sue had details on a forum being given on December 10th by the San Diego Bill of Rights Defense Committee in honor of Congressman Bob Filner. We might be able to get some of the presenters to come to UCSD in the future, such as Susan Davis.

ACTION: Sue has the email invitation and will send out the announcement of the December 10th opportunity, although it is being held from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Oak Park neighborhood. We would be interested in a report from anyone who is able to attend this event.

C. Panel of different disciplines on their research methods – A panel discussion of all UCSD professors was proposed, with each discussing their research methods and how these relate to the library. How does the library serve them? A format with four speakers having 15 minutes each, to be held from 12 noon – 1:30 pm after the first of February was discussed. Perhaps the forum could be held at the Faculty Club with lunch, in the Seuss Room with a catered lunch, or in a room at the Price Center with lunch. The four speakers would include a chemist (Sue has a possible name), a historian (Jim has an idea), engineering (Deborah Kegel for ideas) or a mathematician (Jim), and a linguist (Rob knows a candidate).

ACTION: Rob will draft an invitation letter for our review.

D. Contact the San Diego Bill of Rights Defense Committee to see if their activities would fit into our special charge plans.

E. Consider a June 2004 CE event, especially if not as many UCSD librarians attend the ALA Annual Meeting being held in Orlando.

5. Round Robin Updates

Rob suggested that Penny send out another announcement to the LAUC-SD membership that the deadline for statewide grant applications is January 5th.

ACTION: Penny will send a reminder via email to the LAUC-SD mailing list.