SCLA Technical Services Section 2013 Annual Report

The TSS began the year with great enthusiasm. Jessica Harvey answered the call for Section secretary in January 2013 and joined Derek Wilmot (Vice-Chair) and Cathy Goodwin (Chair) at the SCLA Leadership Retreat in February, 2013. With implementation of RDA cataloging standards on March 31, 2013, we proposed a mid-year RDA workshop as a follow-up to the successful Lyrasis program offered in 2011. We also discussed doing an RDA implementation panel discussion and an RDA Unconference program at the Annual Conference.

In March, renewal reminders were sent to 16 Section members whose renewals expired January – March. In May, the Section surveyed the membership via the Section list to gauge interest in a full day face-to-face RDA training through Lyrasis, as anecdotal evidence suggested interest in such a program. Lyrasis was contacted regarding class size, location requirements and cost (est. $150/person) and this information was included in the query email. Results of the survey indicated that members were uninterested or unable to attend the proposed program; there were two positive responses, one response that indicated no additional training opportunities were needed, especially one involving travel. A fourth respondent asked to be removed from the list. In late May, Winthrop University announced a basic RDA workshop in June for $50/person. This announcement was forwarded to the TSS membership for those with interest in more training.

The TSS made several attempts to develop a program for the SCLA Conference during the year, but fell short in producing one. There was no response to a call for proposals, and given the lack of interest in RDA programming and lack of expertise so soon after implementation, the Section officers determined that an RDA session was not viable. Attempts to identify accepted proposals that we could sponsor were also unsuccessful. A call for Section secretary issued in mid-October had no response as of the annual meeting. As a result, the TSS members at the business meeting discussed the need to regroup and revive Section activity. We formed the following objectives for 2014:

- Expand current membership via direct contact with staff in SC libraries who perform library functions supported by the TSS.
- Consider a Section name change to reflect current roles of library staff that provide access to print and electronic materials. (The Section will investigate and follow appropriate channels for these proposed changes as found within the SCLA Handbook, 6th edition.)
- Plan for the 2014 workshops and conference sponsored programs. Suggested presentation and or workshop topics are Open Access Publishing and electronic resources collections.

It is hoped that these goals for 2014 will engage our current members, recruit new members, re-energize the Section, and meet the needs of SCLA members that are not met via other Association sections.

Respectfully Submitted,
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