

South Central Regional Library Council

E&T Meeting Minutes, 2/24/2010

SCRLC OPAL Online Meeting

Present: Glen Wiley (chair), Rebecca Borowski, Pamela Brown, Mary King, Shelley MacFeiggan, and Diane Talbut. Minutes taken by Nora Hardy

1. **Approval of minutes**, tabled until next meeting. Pamela's cell phone number will be added to the contact list. Date for the upcoming Book Repair workshop should be corrected to 4/22/2010.
2. **Recent Events** – Class attendance has been down, even for online classes. This has been reported by program planners across NYS. Response to online classes has been generally positive and is increasing with each session. The ALA mid-winter conference bus trip went well for the 20 who participated in the trip to Boston. College of DuPage webcast attendance is very dependent on topic. 'Shrinking Budget' had to be cancelled, but 'Cataloging Future' was well attended. The Solo SIG was cancelled due to lack of interest.
3. **Upcoming Events**- Will have more face-to-face workshops in spring and summer, as well as online classes. Looking for suggestions for presenters on green libraries, cataloging (hands on level). Nora is looking for additional listservs on which to promote our sessions; currently using NYLINE, other NY3Rs, and SCRLC-L (and other internal lists). Suggestions invited, especially to broaden scope beyond NYS boundaries.
4. **LSTA Grant** – Mary-Carol Lindbloom is currently developing a two-year grant with many opportunities for CE. One component will be an online registration software or host. Topics to be included are assessment, customer service, digitization (possibly from project management perspective), and a comparison of distance learning tools such as OPAL and WebEx. Committee members recommended including a session on the changes in cataloging.
5. **Distance Learning Initiative** – Nora continues to explore software/website recommendations provided by the committee.
6. **Tools of History (TofH)** – will be rolled out officially in June, in Ithaca, Oneonta, and Elmira. Ithaca activities will include participation in the Ithaca Festival (6/3-6/2010). Rebecca created a Communications Plan for SCRLC including recommendations for rolling out and publicizing TofH.
7. **New Business** – The committee recommended that another E&T Survey be conducted in light of the drastically changed financial and online environment. Nora will share the most recent survey on the wiki (<http://eandtcommittee.pbworks.com/FrontPage>) for revision.
8. **Next Meeting** – April at Ithaca College. Nora will set up a Doodle poll to establish the best date. [Meeting scheduled for 10:00 am, Monday, April 19] Three new members will be joining the committee: Suzanne Feldberg (ONC BOCES), Hugh Holden (SUNY-Oneonta), and Cindy Maier (Corning Community College).