

## LAUC-SD MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Minutes – January 18, 1994

Price Center Davis/Riverside Room, 2:30 p.m.

Present: L. Abrams, J. Donovan, T. Echavarria, S. Galloway, C. Graham, R. Gustafson, J. Hanson, M. Horres, C. Jahns, E. Kanter, R. Lindemann, G. Lowell, K. Lucas, P. Mirsky, A. Prussing (Chair), B. Renford, R. Ringler, B. Slater, C. Stave, B. Tillett, E. Valdez, T. Weintraub.

### **Fall Assembly**

LAUC-SD was represented at the assembly by E. Kanter and C. Stave; B. Renford was also in attendance in her capacity as statewide President Elect. A. Prussing summarized action items and led discussion of the following issues.

- LAUC status of retirees: statewide bylaws address this issue giving retirees "affiliate" membership, which entitles them to participate in general meetings of the Assembly but not to "make motions, nominate candidates, become officers, or vote." LAUC-SD bylaws are additionally explicit in excluding affiliate members from committee membership.

Discussion: discussion focused on a set of questions that B. Renford distributed from the Committee on committee Rules and Jurisdictions. 1. Should our bylaws be changed to conform to statewide bylaws? 2. Should retirees be allowed to serve on local or statewide committees or to receive research grants?

PRO: retirees would have more time to serve with greater intensity; retirees (especially those from VERIP) tend to be younger; at some campuses, there are too few active librarians to meet all committee responsibilities; retirees bring valuable institutional memory to the committee process.

CON: if retirees are ineligible for active [i.e., voting] membership, they should not be in decisive committee positions either; lack of accountability makes retiree performance and service problematic.

[A side discussion about the eligibility of retirees for research grants evolved into majority sentiment to exclude retirees from eligibility.]

Summary sentiment: it is not appropriate for affiliate members to have official committee status, voting rights, or eligibility for research grants, either locally or statewide. Language governing this issue in the LAUC-SD bylaws should be adopted statewide.

- LAUC listserv: statewide is looking for people interested in helping to establish a statewide listserv and for an institution willing to host it. A. Prussing will post a call via e-mail soliciting volunteers. The general purpose of the listserv is to promote discussion, not to disseminate information.
- LAUC logo: the official LAUC logo was unveiled. It appears on a new brochure that explains what LAUC is, and this brochure will be a good tool for inclusion in interview and orientation packets. Support for memento "applications" (coffee mugs, sweatshirts, etc.) of the logo was expressed.
- Peer review statistics: J. Hanson presented background on the mandate and compilation of statistics statewide. The original concept was to compare peer review processes at all campuses, and the data do reflect the level of agreement among review and final decision processes. The statistical validity of such comparisons comes into question, however, since the review process is different at various campuses. This makes interpreting and applying the compilations problematic and difficult. Compiling the data is tedious and, considering the dubious utility and purpose of the undertaking, onerous. This reporting is unique to the Librarians Series; LAUC bylaws require it. The data could be compiled any time if needed.
  - a. would simpler statistics be just as useful?
  - b. should the current compilations be suspended?
  - c. should the Bylaws be revised to eliminate the requirement?

Summary sentiment: if these data can be compiled as needed and are both burdensome to compile and unutilized, abandon the formal yearly reporting of them.

- General report on Fall Assembly proceedings: E. Kanter provided a general summary about other Assembly ongoings. The president's report expressed continuing concerns about representational and financial considerations, as well as determination to stay engaged in UC discussions and decision making as these affect librarians. Broadly speaking, the Assembly was highlighted by a lack of

controversial or substantive issues.

**Additional reports, announcements and discussion items:**

- LAUC-SD gopher: SB, SC, D and others have these. SC seems to have the fullest array of files on which to model an SD gopher, which would post minutes, position bylaws and other documents of interest to the membership. E. Kanter and C. Stave have volunteered to explore possibilities and to form preliminary ideas about content.
- Research & Professional Development Committee: C. Jahns reported that Room 506 is now LAN-wired, and an announcement about access to and use of the research office will come soon via e-mail.
- Academic Senate Library Committee: E. Kanter reported on the most recent meeting, at which he explained briefly what LAUC was and distributed some of the newly printed LAUC brochures. Among the items discussed were electronic information training for faculty and graduate students; the need to broaden communication between library and faculty; plans to form focus group meetings between the University Librarian and specific faculty; the Librarian's report. Formal minutes will be distributed when they become available.
- Treasurer's Report: R. Lindemann reported that the treasury has exceeded the \$400 minimum balance for no-fee checking. Reimbursement for funds expended during the Spring Assembly 1991 seems closer to realization than ever, but the money remains outstanding.
- Barbara Tillett was recognized during this, her last meeting, for her years of service and contributions to LAUC. A. Prussing will coordinate plans for a festive farewell.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Lindemann, Secretary