

SEAL-S Conference Call  
9/26/13 4pm-5pm  
APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Khue Duong, Liz Cheney, Cynthia Cohen, Doris Helfer, Trish Stumpf Garcia, Lise Snyder, Kristen LaBonte

1. Agenda correction and approval of 5/30/13 minutes. Minutes approved.

2. Summary of July 19, 2013 Excellent Adventure (Liz)

- 12 people participated (not all attended both parts)
- Arborist Jan Scow led us on tree walk at Pasadena Memorial Park. Talked about what arborists see when they look at a tree, how to diagnose potential problems.
- Lunch (at the Market on Holly)
- Tour of Carnegie Observatories. Highlights included the plate archive downstairs (historic image collection) and the machine shop (where they were making some of their equipment). Have their own library and librarian, who gave us some history + insight into direction of physics and astronomy research.
- Attendees seemed very interested and enjoyed the event. Success!
- Takeaways:
  - o Lots of good content. Maybe too much?
  - o Would have been good to advertise the event earlier (though in this case, couldn't really be helped – we were waiting for confirmation on our Carnegie speakers).
  - o One participant thanked us for opening this up to folks beyond science librarians. We generally do, but maybe we could convey that message better for future events. Something like “All interested librarians are encouraged to attend.”
  - o What should we do with event photos? In this case, we'll pick 3 or 4 and post them to CARL/SEAL-S website (a la Enology past adventure) with vague yet descriptive captions (explaining context but not naming names). Cynthia will follow up with Trish and other folks who took photos that day (Tina, Liz, Kristen).

3. Planning for Fall event on citizen science (Cynthia)

- Formed committee to lead this planning effort and do some legwork before next phone meeting: Cynthia, Kristen, Liz, Khue.
- At this point, we're still exploring the topic and its relevance to librarians. Potential appeal may lie in data quality (good enough to use for rigorous scientific research?), data management (how do you manage large quantity of data? what's the workflow for data input/processing/preservation?), and outreach (get people interested in science [and into the library?], teach research aspects and appreciation as well as how to help with whatever specific project they're signed up for).
- The LA Natural History Museum has several ongoing citizen science projects.
  - o Possible contacts include Lila Higgins (pronounced Leela, suggested by Cynthia's NPS friend) and a science educator Khue met at LA Makerspace. They could be possible panelists, and might be able to refer us to other local citizen science folks.

- Doris has been organizing a separate event at LANHM, has made great contacts and knows about logistics; if Richard Hulser is willing to be our contact (even if not involved with our event), he could book a room there for us for free.
- Broad ideas for program format:
  - Panel discussion of folks involved in citizen science projects, moderated by us/one of us.
  - Hands-on (optional?) citizen science-style data collection in the afternoon (perhaps led by one/more of our panelists)
  - Start around 10:30 a.m., lunch on-site, option to (a) do a little hands-on work or (b) do a few hours of hands-on work followed by (optional) no-host dinner at a nearby restaurant.
  - If at LANHM, optional (self-guided?) exhibit-visiting time.

#### 4. Thoughts on Officers for 2014

- We'll need a new Vice President/Program Chair. Liz and Cynthia suggest approaching Donna (Caltech) and Christina (PCC, Glendale Community College).
- Ideas for recruitment
  - Think about people already involved with planning, people at our own institutions, people who could use the opportunity (for tenure, evaluation, job search). Look at websites of local institutions and contact science folks (invite to meetings).
  - Post a call to CARLALL and SEAL-S listserv. (Lise will draft first version and develop revision [if needed] with Cynthia.)

#### 5. Announcements/Updates

- CSU Long Beach has hired Cynthia Orozco to replace Eileen Bosch, who has a new opportunity at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Current opening for a digital archivist/institutional repository person.
- The Claremont Colleges Library is conducting a search for an Associate Dean. First consideration September 30.

#### 6. Schedule next meeting

- Liz will follow up with Doodle poll. (Tentatively, next meeting in mid-October.)

#### 7. Adjourn