

Association of College and Research Libraries
Oregon Chapter

Minutes of Advisory Board
Subcommittee for Menucha Planning
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Salem, Oregon

President Terry Soohoo called the subcommittee meeting to order. We discussed possible themes for Menucha. Scholarship by academic librarians emerged as a possible topic. Karyle Butcher defined scholarship as the publication or presentation of papers aimed at one's peers; pursuing a second masters was continuing education and not part of the conference theme. Discussion of how academic librarians view writing followed: writing, an individual act, is not accepted as a necessary professional task the way professional meetings are. How has word processing affected our writing? How does the creative process begin? Are there ways to reduce the initial risk by writing or presenting at the local level or using experiences in our daily work as a starting point? Ways of structuring Menucha to address these issues were discussed. Isabel Stirling suggested a new book The Electric Language, reviewed in the 22 January 1988 New Republic as relevant reading for conference attendees. Names of possible speakers were suggested, including Pat Wand for ACRL and Kathleen Heim (editor of RQ and head of LSU's library school). The need for a third person who could facilitate small groups and with experience with teaching writing was suggested.

The schedule was roughed out:

Academic Librarians as Scholars: Process and Presentation

Thursday, October 27

Noon, Chapter business/membership meetings

2:30-3:30: Keynote address (Heim?)

4-5: Small group sessions on writing/creative process

Dinner

The Party

Friday, October 28

Breakfast

8:30-9: Pat Wand, ACRL developments

9-10: Second speaker

10:15-11: Second small groups sessions--1. alternative ways to present your ideas--2. using word processors--3. ?--4. ?

11:15-Noon: Panel and wrapup session: How does this work in real life?

Lunch:

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A bibliography of the six most used wordprocessing programs for

microcomputers and various aids (spellers, bibliography generators) was suggested as part of the packet. Karen Starr could be a resource person for this.

Menucha committee responsibilities from previous years were juggled, based on experience. Local Arrangements Committee now carries the most responsibilities, taking on receiving registrations and compiling list of registrants from the Treasurer/V.P., and preparing registrant's list for the packet, making room assignments, and planning registration procedures from Packets and Registration Committee. Entertainment Committee's responsibilities remain unchanged.

The subcommittee adjourned about Noon.

Board Members attending: Terry Soohoo, President; Isabel Stirling, V.P.; Michael Engle; Karyle Butcher; Maureen Sloan; Eva Godwin.