

ARC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Thursday – September 20, 2013

Presiding: Wilbur Stolt

Members: Stewart Bodner, Gwen Ebbett, Lisa O'Hara

OCLC Staff: Pamela Bailey, Kate Gaylord

Scribe: Pam Bailey

Call to Order – Wilbur Stolt

Approval of July 26, 2012 Minutes - Approved

Update on Committee Membership - Some concern was expressed about the number and availability of committee members for the ARC Communications Committee. The Chair asked for feedback regarding recruiting new members. His first thought was to seek volunteers then fill any open spots with ARC members who are assigned by the committee Chair and/or the ARC Chair.

Stewart suggested using the original Charter as a guideline especially seeking out those whose expertise matches that of the charter.

Kate added we should distribute the Charter and reconsider what the focus is and what more we need to do.

ACTION: Pam, Wilbur and Kate will look for a copy of the original charter to distribute.

Discussion of ARC Communications Framework - Wilbur told the committee he will be presenting the Communications Framework document to the Americas Regional Council Executive Committee at their next meeting. After discussing with the EC, he will ask to bring it to the Americas Regional Caucus meeting that will take place at the November Global Council meeting.

Wilbur will also use that as an opportunity to solicit new members, and to confer with other members of the Global Council Communications Committee.

The Chair asked Pam if she could assist with setting up a method for discussion by having a "Table Talk" opportunity to talk with members about change. Pam agreed that she would see that was provided to the Committee. Wilbur will check with the ARC Chair, Barbara Preece to get the okay.

Stewart remind the committee that one of the original goals was active membership and participation; that was why the committee was formed and now we will need to continue to assess and evaluate how

well we do that. We should also make certain to look for new tools to assist participation in the Global Council and encourage participation at the ARC meeting at ALA.

Kate also encouraged us to consider those “actionable” items that we can act on so that we can focus on what we can actually do.

ACTION: *Wilbur will inform the ARC of the Committee’s desire to set up a Table Talk. Pam will handle the logistics of having a table available for the committee’s use during the Global Council meeting in November.*

ARC Comm Comm members’ questions and concerns - Kate asked for approval of the, “Save the Date” announcement for the upcoming ARC/Symposium scheduled for this January’s ALA meeting. The Committee had no objections to sending out the notice.

What should ARC Comm Comm be doing that we are not? - Kate volunteered that we should make a concerted effort to move the Communications Framework forward so that we can execute on those plans.

Wilbur stated that the Framework will be this Committee’s focus for the fall.

Wilbur mentioned that we’ve had some resignations from the Committee’s original members including Susan Whyte. Another long-time member, Bob Shupe has also resigned and Gwen mentioned that she thought it was time for her also to transition off the committee as well.

ACTION: *Remove Gwen from the ARC Comm Comm. - Pam*

Adjournment – The Chair thanked those who were able to participate in this month’s meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela J. Bailey and Wilbur Stolt

Cc: Susan Saggio, Executive Assistant – Global and Regional Councils