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Committee Reports

2011/2012 Program Planning Committee Mid-Year Update

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Continuing Activities

Call for Proposals - The first call for proposals was distributed on August 15 to all active individuals in the NASIG database and all lists were provided to the NASIG Publicist for national and international distribution. The first call for proposals closed September 16. We received 28 proposals from the first call. A second call for proposals was distributed October 3 and will close October 28. To date an additional 3 proposals have been received, for a total of 31. There are still 15 business days prior to the close of the second call and we expect a good number of proposals to be submitted. This year the committee is aiming for 27 conference program sessions on the final slate.

The committee will be meeting by conference call the week of November 7 - 11 to discuss proposals and should have a provisional slate ready for the board's review the week of November 14 - 18.

Though it may seem that the PPC is behind last year from where it was a year ago, we are actually right on schedule. The fact that the Fall board meeting was held in November allowed for more of the natural PPC processes to be completed prior to the meeting.

Vision Speakers - We continue to evaluate a number of potential Vision Speakers. We intend to have identified speakers for the board's approval by October 28th.

Preconferences - Two preconferences have already been identified and presenters have been contacted. Those conferences are Drupal (a free open source content management platform) by Amanda Yesilbas and a second by Marielle Veve on cataloging e-books. Both of these sessions are half day sessions. We are seeking a presenter for a 3rd, full day session on RDA and serials cataloging. We're seeking suggestions for potential presenters.

PPC Manual - The PPC manual requires substantive revision to correct outdated procedures and program components. Anne Mitchell, past chair of PPC, has volunteered to edit the manual and is in the midst of doing this.

Treatment of Rejected Proposals - Communications with CEC are ongoing about offering alternative methods of presentation for proposals which are not selected for inclusion into the conference program.

Completed Activities

Thank You Letters - The 2011 and incoming 2012 chairs sent thank-you letters to the speakers, poster session presenters, and discussion group volunteers. All letters went out by the end of June.

E&A Report - The co-chairs examined the 2011 conference evaluations for recommendations, with a particular eye to comments concerning the modified schedule. We gathered suggestions for vision speakers.

Conference Schedule - The 2012 draft conference schedule accompanies this report. This schedule has been approved by the board but is subject to change.

Programming Changes - At the suggestion of the PPC and with the board's approval, there have been some major changes to the program form and schedule.

This year the traditional two types of sessions, strategy and tactics have been replaced by a single type of session, an hour long program session. This was done because in prior years many of the strategy sessions did not have enough content to fill the hour and half time allotment. Having a single type of session will also simplify the PPC management of the conference program. All session presenters will receive half waivers for the conference.

This year program tracks will be well-defined as:

- Access and Discovery
- Acquisitions and Licensing
- Archiving and Preservation
- Cataloging and Metadata
- Collection Development
- eResources, eSerials, eBooks and eManagement
- Mobile Technology
- Open Access and Digital Repositories
- Publishing and Scholarly communication
- Standards

NASIG committee meetings have been moved from the last Saturday afternoon slot to a Saturday morning breakfast slot, modeled on the Speaker's breakfast, in order to give prime time slots to programming.

The vendor expo has been expanded to a 6-hour session that will combine with the first-timer reception and opening social.

Last year's lack of a closing vision session and meeting has been retained.

Budget

We submitted a budget request on October 13 that includes funding for the chairs' travel to the Winter meeting, the Vice-Chair's visit to the conference site prior to the conference, and conference calls for the committee.

Actions Required by Board

Once formulated, the slate of programs will be submitted to the board for approval via e-mail. Our target to have a slate to the board is the week of Nov. 14.

As agreements with vision and preconference speakers are negotiated, these speakers will be submitted to the board for approval via e-mail.

Questions for Board

Suggestions for an individual to lead RDA serials preconference.