

## **Annual Report of the Continuing Education Committee 2007-2008**

Members: Bob Scheier (Holy Cross), Mariana Lapidus (Mass. College of Pharmacy), Maureen Perry (University of Southern Maine), Jody Walker (Simmons College), Linda Watkins (Simmons College), Emily Alling (UMASS), Debbie Herman, chair (Central CT State University)

It has been a busy and productive year for the Continuing Education Committee. We met once this year in July 2007 and conducted the rest of our business over e-mail.

### Podcasting Initiative

With the help of some wonderful volunteers, this was the first annual conference in which the majority of sessions were recorded for Podcast. A Wordpress blog has been created as a clearinghouse for these podcasts as well as other presentation materials (<http://www.acrlnec.org/ce/>). It was envisioned that this would be a social space where members could discuss, comment upon, etc. the materials. We hope to continue this initiative by extending it to SIG programming offered in the coming year.

### Programs

The CEC co-sponsored the successful E-resources Licensing program held in March at Holy Cross and Dartmouth. Bob Scheier took the lead role in the planning of this event.

During the summer of 2007, I submitted an application to ACRL national for a \$500.00 campus grassroots advocacy grant to support programming. We were able to use these funds to sponsor a program on advocacy for academic libraries titled, "Positioning the Academic Library for the 21st Century: A New Model of Library Centrality," held at the Massachusetts Library Association's Annual Conference on May 8, 2008. The program featured Dr. Susan Parker, CFO of the UCLA University Libraries, and Dr. Susan Scrimshaw, President of Simmons College. I had the pleasure of working with Carole Myles, Member-At-Large, on this program, which blossomed into a full-day conference track.

### Membership:

Gary Atwood (Springfield College) will join the CEC next year. The 2008-09 committee will be co-chaired by Bob Scheier and Debbie Herman. Janice Beal (Norwich University) took a 1-year leave of absence but will be returning this year. Regrettably, Jody Walker resigned from her position at Simmons College and has opted not to continue as a member of the CEC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Herman