

Annual Report of the Continuing Education Committee

2008-2009

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The Continuing Education Committee continues to fulfill its mission of promoting continuing education for academic library personnel throughout New England through its co-sponsorship of programs with the Chapter's Special Interest Groups, survey research, and technological support of distance learning initiatives. Our mission is consistent with the objectives outlined in the ACRL's 2020 Strategic Plan, specifically ones tied to the goal area of continuous learning.

Meetings

The Continuing Education Committee met twice this year, on September 19, 2008 and November 13, 2008. The committee used the Vyew live conferencing service for the September meeting. It worked out very well and will be used as needed for future meetings. The November meeting was held at Holy Cross in the Dinand Library.

Programs

The Continuing Education Committee co-sponsored, along with ITIG and SERIG, the NISO webinar on October 2, entitled "SUSHI: Beyond Trial into Real Use" at Holy Cross. The webinar was well-attended with 22 participants. Attendance was from a cross-section of library types: academic, special, and medical.

The Committee is investigating some options for delivering online training next year with the goal of making professional development accessible and convenient for academic library personnel located in the more remote reaches of New England. One idea being pursued is to develop an online program on licensing electronic resources, based on the successful programs held at Holy Cross and Dartmouth in 2008. Several attendees of the 2008 program asked for this topic to be addressed annually.

Bob Scheier is currently serving as a very active member of the Program Committee for the Annual Conference.

Recording Equipment Initiative

This year the committee was engaged in discussions concerning the purchase of recording equipment to encourage wider dissemination of chapter programs. Committee members tested equipment and sought the advice of media professionals. The CEC co-chairs will present their recommendations to the Board at a 2009 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Herman and Bob Scheier