

**DIAL-South
Business Meeting at USC
March 23, 2007**

Attendees: Marjorie Acevedo, MSMC; Melanie Chu, CSU San Marcos; Sophie Lesinska, USC; Susan Luévano, CSULB; Valeria E. Molteni, CSUDH; Alanna Aiko Moore, UCSD; Felicia Palsson, USC; Susan Shapiro, MSMC; Chimene Tucker, UCSB; Sue Tyson, USC. (Melanie and Alanna joined the meeting via a teleconference call.)

Minutes from the February 16 meeting were amended and approved. They will be distributed via the listserv and e-mailed to Judy Lee, CARL Interest Group Coordinator.

Introductions & Round-Robin

Susan Luévano reported that the California State University Faculty Association voted to take industrial action over contract negotiations. The resolution was passed by 94% of faculty that voted.

Sophie announced that DIAL-South will be organizing a discussion panel at the LOEX Annual Conference, to be held in San Diego on May 3-5, 2007. This is quite an achievement as only 40 proposals were chosen out of 120 applications. Congratulations to Angela, Sophie and Valeria, who wrote the proposal!

The discussion will be a comparison of Information Literacy instruction used for ethnic minority students with instruction techniques used for international students. The title is: "Let's Have a Party: Library Instruction as Empowerment." DIAL-South members taking part will be Angela Boyd, Shahla Bahavar, Sophie Lesinska, and Valeria Molteni. The idea is based on Joy Kim's library instruction to Korean students at USC.

Sophie also announced an upcoming conference at Claremont College on April 4 called, Buried treasure: Discovering Los Angeles through its African American Past. She will send a posting to the DIAL-South listserv.

Valeria attended the CARL Southern Regional meeting held at CSULA on February 23, where she reported on events DIAL-South has sponsored over the past few years. Judith Samuel, DIAL Historian, sent her materials from these events. She reported that the CARL newsletter will now be distributed only in electronic format, and that there are some changes to the CARL web site, including improved membership registration. The CARL conference will be held April 3-5, 2008 in Irvine. The theme will be "Going Global."

Sue Tyson, who sits on a job search committee at USC, suggested that we put together a master list of all diversity organizations and associations so that academic librarian job postings can cover the broadest possible constituencies.

Marjorie will send the link to Frankie Lennon's book signing event in the MSMC Doheny Campus Library to the listserv. This event was mentioned in the last minutes.

Program Planning:

Sophie reviewed the structure of the upcoming DIAL-South program so that she will be able to prepare the official program announcement. She is planning to send the announcement to a variety of library organizations, including UCLA and SJSU library schools. The program is called "Joining Voices, Sharing Visions: Diversity in Academic Libraries" and will be held at USC in Leavey Library Auditorium on May 18, 2007. The cost is being kept low, so that library students will be able to attend.

The group suggested various modifications to the draft program that was distributed at the meeting. The changes include:

- Adding information about parking;
- Adding a brief introduction to the announcement (and to the program?)
- Changing the order of the Administrator panel. The new order will be (1.) John Ayala placing this year's JCLC into the historical context of diversity initiatives; (2.) Alice Kawakami on professional development and diversity; (3.) Ron Rodriguez speaking about recruitment and retention in post-affirmative action times; (4.) Marla Peppers discussing the Mellon recruitment program at Occidental. Each presenter will have 15 minutes with the remaining time for Q&A.
- Introducing the seven early career librarians **before** the audience breaks to change rooms for the poster sessions.
- Having one person wrap up the morning, instead of a discussion with all 13 presenters.

Marjorie Acevedo, DIAL-South Registrar, designed a beautiful registration form. Melanie Chu will design the program and Felicia Palsson will work on an Evaluation form. Sophie will buy food for a continental breakfast and will order beverages from USC Catering.

SCIL-DIAL Collaboration:

Felicia Palsson represented DIAL-South at the last SCIL meeting to propose a joint SCIL Works program on diversity issues. The SCIL membership expressed a preference for collaborating on a pre-conference or a breakout session at the next CARL Conference. This could possibly be based on the upcoming LOEX panel discussion, which fits in with the conference theme. The matter will be taken up with SCIL in more detail after LOEX 2007.

The next meeting will be on June 8 at CSU Dominguez Hills.

Submitted by Susan Shapiro, DIAL-South Secretary 2007-2007