Conference Planning Committee Annual Report
Submitted by: Denise Novak and Pat Roncevich

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Steve Shadle, board liaison (University of Washington)

Continuing Activities

Budget
Working with the hotel staff to ensure that the conference runs smoothly

Completed Activities

Web site completed
Local Events and other information for Conference Website completed
Food for all events completed
Entertainment confirmed
Opening Speaker MOA signed and preview of presentation completed
AV contract finalized
Committee meet regularly via conference call
Vendor showcase organized and all issues resolved
Dine arounds organized and leaders assigned for 9 restaurants for Thursday June 6
Conference will make a profit
Volunteer coordinator ensured adequate staffing for all registration desk hours

Recommendations to Board

AV costs/ WIFI will continue to rise, either budget needs to be increased or the CPC will need guidance as to what can be eliminated.

Revise the policy permitting volunteers to attend pre-conference events if there are empty seats if the pp/cost for food drink for the session are minimal.

Submitted on: June 3, 2019

Program Planning Committee Annual Report
Submitted by: Maria Collins

Members

Completed Activities
Maria Collins, chair (North Carolina State University)
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Eugenia Beh (MIT), Marketing & Social Media Coordinator
Tom Osina (Non-Profit Help)

Board Liaison:
Kristen Wilson (Index Data)

Completed Activities

2019 Conference Program Slate

The principal business for the Program Planning Committee in 2018/2019 was to oversee the execution of the program for the 2019 conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

1. Vision Speakers

Two vision speakers were selected by PPC and approved by the board. DeEtta Jones, who presented her talk: Courageous Leadership: Walking your Talk from Wherever You Are and Philip Schreur who presented his talk: Bridging the Worlds of MARC and Linked Data: Transition, Transformation, Accountability. Both Vision Sessions were livestreamed via Zoom and recordings have been made available on the NASIG YouTube channel. The second vision session slot was filled by a town hall discussion: What should diversity and inclusion in NASIG look like? led by NASIG’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee members.

2. Preconferences

PPC identified topics for 5 preconferences and identified presenters. The preconferences that were conducted consisted of one full day preconference and four half day preconferences. These preconferences were:

- Text Mining - Speaker: Dr. Sarah Sutton - full day
- Library Leadership Your Way - Speaker: Dr. Jason Martin - half day
- BIBFRAME Basics: A Crash Course - Speaker: Dennis Christman - half day
- Contract Construction: Creating an Effective Licensing Toolkit in an Academic Library Setting - Speakers: Stephanie Hess and Megan Kilb - half day
- The Future of Scholarly Communication - Speaker: Lisa Hinchliffe - half day

All of the preconferences were well attended.

3. General Conference Program

PPC held one call for presentation proposals, received a total of 39 proposals. Where there were two proposals with similar topics, presenters were asked to combine their talks into a single concurrent session. There were 30 programs slated (6 sets with 5 concurrent sessions each). Where appropriate, presenters were asked if they would be willing to present in other types of conference sessions like the Snapshot Sessions or during the First Timers Reception program. Once again, PPC used ProposalSpace to collect and manage the proposals for the main program and Sched to create the online program schedule. The committee recommends they continued use of these products for PPC.

4. Great Ideas Showcase/Snapshot Sessions

The Great Ideas Showcase (i.e. poster sessions) and Snapshot Sessions were repeated this year and both the sessions were well-attended. Proposals were submitted using SurveyMonkey.
5. Student Spotlight Sessions

SOC issued the call for proposals. Proposals were collected using SurveyMonkey. The proposals were reviewed by SOC and SOC made their selection. Three students were scheduled to present, but one student presenter was unable to attend the conference so only two students presented. Attendance was good and we recommend that this session be continued.

6. Vendor Lightning Talks

NASIG organizational members, Tier 1, and Tier 2 sponsors were invited to participate in Vendor Lightning Talks once again. 10 vendors participated and attendance was strong. We recommend that the sessions be continued.

7. Informal Discussion Groups

PPC used SurveyMonkey to solicit discussion topics and leaders. Five groups were identified. All of the sessions were well attended and we recommend this type of programing to continue in the future.

8. Resources for Speakers and Presenters

A list of resources for speakers, including tips on creating presentations and public speaking, was made available to all presenters. The page originally created for the 2017 conference was adjusted for this year’s conference.

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