

## **CRRA Board conference call**

Thursday, February 12

4:30 – 5:30 EST, 3:30 – 4:30 CTS, and 1:30 – 2:30 Pacific time

### **Agenda**

1. Update on mention of Catholic Research Portal at the ACCU Annual Conference. Jennifer noted that the ACCU Board of Directors Chair, Dr. Mary Lyons, President, U of San Diego, pointed to the Catholic Research Portal as an exciting new initiative that would benefit Catholic scholarship worldwide and strengthen the Catholic mission of ACCU members. It is one of the only cooperative projects within the ACCU that has the potential to engage all ACCU members. Due to tough economic times, no planning grant is forthcoming this year. However, the topic will continue on the Board agenda. Msgr. Sheeran, SHU, and Dr. Martin, St. Ed's, (presidents of those institutions) have accepted our invitation to join the Leadership Council. They will be added.
2. Developing strategic goals, objectives and measurable targets: need ways to get started, etc. Artemis & Janice started the discussion. All agreed we would benefit from redoing the existing action plan. Jennifer will send out a request to the full CRRA committee list soliciting ideas for goals and objectives. Bob suggested committee chairs review the draft list and begin the job of organizing suggestions relating to their committee work.
3. San Diego meeting – dates, developing the agenda, etc. The Board determined it would hold only one "in-person" conference. It will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> (& maybe July 15<sup>th</sup>) in Chicago.
4. Membership categories and dues: See report below from Artemis, Janice, and Kim\*. None of the report writers were at this part of the Board meeting. The remaining Board members expressed two concerns. The proposed dues will be too high for some and too low for others; perhaps a sliding scale for dues could be considered. Also, a suggestion to simplify with only one category, which might mean some attention to the Bylaws, is needed as it mentions full and limited membership categories. Tom Leonhardt noted we want and need two things: content and money, and the membership options need to assist us with both.
5. Update on work of Team Catholic Portal . Jennifer sent under separate cover and will report at the March 23 Board call on plans for implementing VUFind.
6. Next CRRA Board meeting: Monday, March 23, 4 – 5 p.m. EST, 3-4 CST, and 1-2 Pacific time

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#### **\*Item 4**

January 13, 2009: Email report from Artemis, Janice and Kim

Hello Jennifer,

Today, Janice Simmons-Welburn, Kim Kelley and I met via phone conference to discuss membership categories and fees for the CRRA. We reviewed the bylaws and have determined the following:

1. The Bylaws already provide the categories of membership (Section 2) and the mechanism for establishing dues and fees (Section 4.). Therefore there is no need to change the Bylaws.
2. We three recommend that we establish a fee structure for each category of membership for each year. Because we are starting this process in January we suggest that the fees comprise a calendar year.

3. We further recommend that the fee structure for each category for CY 2009 be as follows:

a) Founding Members: Fees as previously arranged

b) Full Members: \$4,000

c) Limited Members: \$2,000

That's our report! All best, Artemis

End of Feb. 12 agenda and notes