

**AAHSL Assessment and Statistics Committee  
Annual Report  
October 19, 2018**

**Statistics Surveys:**

The Assessment and Statistics Committee completed and published the 2016/17 (40<sup>th</sup> edition) of the annual and salary surveys as well as the services and resources survey

This year there were 140 responding libraries: 132 completed the Annual survey, of which 127 also completed the Salary survey, and 131 also completed the Services & Resources survey. Seven other libraries completed Salary surveys, and six other libraries completed the Services & Resources survey. Thus, 134 libraries completed the Salary survey and 137 libraries completed the Services & Resources survey. These are slightly higher numbers of submissions than we have had in recent years.

On September 5, 2018, the Committee opened the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the Annual and Salary on the Counting Opinions Platform for data entry. We have been monitoring progress on data entry and survey submissions on the Counting Opinions Platform. We will remind our library participants at the AAHSL annual meeting to complete and submit their surveys before the stated deadline of November 30, 2018.

**Committee Members:**

Steve Squires, the editor of the surveys, continued in his role this year, compensated on an hourly basis. His current six months agreement runs through December.

Two new members were recruited to the committee and began their service at the November AAHSL meeting: Rick Fought of the University of Tennessee at Memphis and Nancy Alee of the University of Michigan. They join the following continuing committee members:

Jennifer McKinnell, McMaster University  
Matt Wilcox, Quinnipiac University  
Scott Thomson, Rosalind and Franklin University  
Marie Ascher, New York Medical College  
Stephanie Ferretti, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Steve Squires, retired, Editor  
Judy Cohn, Board Liaison, Rutgers University  
Rod MacNeil, Chair, Thomas Jefferson University

Ruth Riley, a former committee member and our former Board Liaison has continued to advise us informally. We appreciate her continued guidance and support, especially during our platform transition.

At this conclusion of this upcoming Annual AAHSL meeting, I will step down as Chair and turn over the Chair responsibilities to Matt Wilcox. I will remain on the committee for one more

year. Marie Ascher will leave the committee; Jennifer McKinnell, Scot Thomson and Stephanie Ferretti have signed on for an additional term. Two new members have been recruited and will join the committee after the Austin Meeting: Luda Dolinsky of Florida International University and Linda Van Keuren from Georgetown.

### **Committee Meetings:**

The committee met in-person for a three hour meeting afternoon meeting before the start of the annual AAHSL meeting in Boston in November 2017.

The Committee met for a full-day meeting again in Atlanta in May before the start of the MLA meeting.

The Committee will be meeting in Austin for a 3 hour afternoon session before the start of the annual AAHSL meeting.

### **Survey Platform Change:**

After considerable planning, AAHSL signed a contract with Counting Opinions, a Toronto-based firm, to host our survey data entry and reporting. Steve Squires and I have been working closely with Karen Kupiec of Counting Opinions to transition our survey program to the Counting Opinions platform. Steve and Karen have done the heavy lift of migrating our surveys from the Buffalo platform to Counting Opinions. My role has been to keep the process moving and on target. We have had biweekly calls since February to work through a host of details and problem-solve any emergent issues. Karen has considerable experience with other organizations that host their surveys on Counting Opinions and she has been a pleasure to work with on this project.

To date, we have transferred, uploaded and transposed five years of annual and salary surveys to the Counting Opinions Platform. Our major goal was to get the previous year's survey (the 40<sup>th</sup>) online and available for reporting. Because we were not making any substantive changes from this survey to the current one (41<sup>st</sup>), once we had the 40<sup>th</sup> annual and salary survey loaded, we were in good shape to prep for the 41<sup>st</sup> survey.

In addition to loading the data, all the library participant data (called locations in Counting Opinions) had to be entered into Counting Opinions as well.

The committee hosted a summer webinar for participating libraries that featured Karen presenting the survey platform and reporting features. The webinar remains available on the opening page of the survey platform for libraries to view.

We are continuing with the survey transfer process and will be focused on loading the Services and Resources Survey from 2017, and the Descriptive surveys from 2016 and 2013.

Our final work will be to load in some kind of archive format, the remainder of the surveys on the Buffalo platform.

At our Austin meeting, we will also discuss the need for another webinar on reporting.

Rod MacNeil  
Committee Chair