

Atmospheric Science Librarians International Strategic Plan 2008-2010

The Atmospheric Science Librarians International (ASLI) is a professional organization devoted to communication and dissemination of information among libraries and educational institutions involved in atmospheric science research and scholarship. In many ways it is a virtual organization, relying on the listserv and website to connect its international members from various parts of the world. Annual meetings in conjunction with the AMS provide a venue to meet in person, present papers, discuss and promote issues, and present the ASLI's Choice book awards.

ASLI Mission

Excerpted from the ASLI Bylaws:

ASLI exists to provide an association for individuals having a scientific or technical interest in the practice of library and information science in the atmospheric and related sciences. We promote the recording, retrieval, preservation and dissemination of knowledge and information for the benefit of libraries, educational organizations and individuals around the world.

Vision

The Association shall provide an organization through which those interested can exchange ideas and explore issues of mutual concern

ASLI Priorities, Goals and Actions:

These have been extracted from ASLI business meeting minutes as action items.

Priority A: Encourage world-wide membership in ASLI

Goal 1A: Increase professional membership

- Develop plan to sponsor librarians from outside the United States and Canada at ASLI conferences in the U.S.

Completed proposal to Elsevier Foundation– 2008.

- Develop letters of introduction/invitation to non-N.A. counterparts.
- Share ASLI call for papers with Geoscience Information Society members.

Done in 2008.

- Discuss possibility of joint meeting with European members, GSIS or IAMSLIC (*Note: IAMSLIC meeting outside US through 2011 at least.*)

Goal 2A: Encourage student membership in ASLI

- Publicize ASLI to library schools

- Have a student rate for ASLI meetings
Completed.
- Invite LIS students to present at ASLI meetings.
Invited U-Arizona GSLIS for 2009 meeting.

Goal 3A: Encourage more corporate sponsorship to support ASLI activities

- Identify potential corporate sponsors
- Identify benefits of corporate membership
- Invite organizations to become corporate members

Priority B: Showcase ASLI expertise

Goal 1B: ASLI involvement in student conference

- Work with ProQuest to develop ways to teach students about research tools specific to the atmospheric sciences.
Did MGA session at student conference 2009. Will continue in 2010.
- Work with AMS to identify appropriate roles for ASLI in the student conference.
Participated in student conference 2009 and will continue in 2010.

Goal 2B: Develop workshops for ASLI participants

- Hold an annual, pre-conference workshop at each conference site in conjunction with the local university library school or department to teach about atmospheric science librarianship.
Held first Atmospheric Sciences Librarianship 101 at 2009 meeting. Will continue for 2010 meeting.
- Involve a wide range of ASLI members in presenting the workshop.
Committee formed to continue Atmo.101.

Goal 3: Strengthen ASLI web site

- Create “member’s only” page.
Explored concept. Not yet necessary or desirable.
- Add conference planning documents
Conference planning checklist updated; now an annual resource.
- Expand atmospheric sciences resources page
- Host workshop-related presentations
Asked Atmos. 101 to post agenda and handouts to website.
- Publish strategic plan on website
Completed, 2009.
- Publish regular column on website by Chair re ASLI activities.
Begun 2009+.

Goal 4: Regularly publish articles about ASLI or atmospheric science librarianship in BAMS or other outlets

- Develop pool of potential authors

- Develop list of possible topics
- Address publication plans for the coming year at the Business Meeting

Priority C: Further refine conference planning

Goal 1C: Improve registration process

2009 used AMS website. Process worked pretty well.

Goal 2C: Increase number of vendors for conference

- Suggest names of vendor contacts to Jinny Nathans
Responsibility of program chair. Added to conf. checklist.
- Explore getting vendor to sponsor coffee/beverage service.

Goal 3C: Plan for 90th AMS Anniversary in 2010

- Identify appropriate role for ASLI in the festivities
- Create planning committee to fulfill those roles
Consulted with Jinny Nathans, AMS liaison.