

**AAHSL Scholarly Communications Committee
Annual Report: 2017-2018**

The Scholarly Communications Committee (ScholComm) established our goals when we met in Boston for our 2017 meeting.

SPARC OA Working Group

AAHSL continued its membership. At the request of the AAHSL Board, several members of the committee, including Martin Wood, Melissa DeSantis, Emily McElroy, past member Daniel Burgard, and Jerry Perry reviewed benefits of belonging to both SPARC and SPARC Open Access Working Group. We recommended continuing membership in both organizations.

Collaborate with Research Services Committee

The ScholComm and RSC Committees held a joint meeting in August 2018 on areas of shared interests. Two groups were formed to work on predatory publishing and research metrics. The committees are planning on working on educational materials for AAHSL members, such as a webinar, white paper, or materials for research guides. Melissa DeSantis is leading the predatory publishing group. Bart Ragon is leading the research metrics group. The committees are holding a joint meeting in November 2018 in Austin.

ORCID

The committee is still keeping track of making ORCID numbers more visible in PubMed. Coordinating with the MLA Scholarly Communications Committee, Nandita Mani indicated comments should be sent via PubMed Labs since NLM has no plans to make them more visible.

Proposed EPA changes

On behalf of the committee, Emily McElroy worked with the AAHSL Board and MLA on submitting comments opposing EPA's proposed rule "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science."

Webpage – The ScholComm maintains a [webpage](#) on the AAHSL website listing resources for AAHSL members related to scholarly communication themes.

The committee held one conference call, a joint conference call with RSC, and met in November 2017 in Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

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