

# Text Answers Submitted

## ACRL Distance Learning Section

### Membership Survey, 2005

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**11. Have you ever served as chair of an ECLSS or DLS committee or as an officer of the section?**

Response Selected	Number responding	% of respondents
Yes	24	9%
No	243	91%
<i>Total</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>100%</i>

**12. If not, why not?**

Response Selected	Number responding	% of respondents
Amount of work involved	42	21%
Never been asked	67	33%
Other	93	46%
<i>Total</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>100%</i>

**Answers submitted for "Other" and additional comments on Question 12**

Again, travel funding is a huge issue
Administrative support
Again, a time factor.
Again, my participation is more in Canada.
again, not asked, not sure if qualified.
Am a fairly new member and have other, more central interests
Am drowning in work now, cannot take on anymore responsibilities now.
New to librarianship
Assume one should be active at a lower level of DLS before taking on a leadership position
Both options & no time
Both state and national library organizations have appeared to be closed cliques and I am not a political animal.
Cannot make the commitment to attend required meetings because travel funding is almost non-existent
Can't take on any more in my life. Plate is full+.
Committed to another group
Competing participation in other ALA units.
Currently serving on another ACRL committee.
Discouraged by my supervisor.
DL does not take up a large enough portion of my job to make this kind of commitment.

Do not feel comfortable with distance learning as yet.
Do not have time to travel to two week-long conferences a year.
Don't know what it is.
Due to funding issues (again), I would not want to take on a chair role since I would not be able to attend everything.
First, I want to be a committee member. Then, depending on how much work is involved I might consider a chair.
Funding for travel unreliable
Funding to travel to conventions is unreliable.
Had other commitments w/ other committees
Have not yet become involved enough in the profession.
haven't been involved long enough to know what's out there to get involved in
Haven't gotten that involved.
Haven't participated
Heavily involved with RUSA
I am active in other sections other than DLS.
I am already deeply involved in another section of ALA.
I am fairly new to the professional and to ALA/ACRL.
I am not always able to attend ALA conventions costs are primary obstacle and scheduling is a close second.
I don't make it to a lot of meetings and I am not sure how to get involved.
I don't think I have the expertise or experience necessary
I don't think I would have time for it and I'm not an expert in the subject
I have had to choose between going to ACRL conferences and ALA which makes my attendance sporadic
I have limited travel funding that does not allow me to attend every ALA Conference and Meeting.
I haven't been a DKS member for long.
--I haven't got a chance --I'm not a real distance learning librarian, and I don't know if I'm eligible
I just joined the section
I just joined.
I never get to ALA meetings where the business of these committees takes place. I do always attend ACRL because I can afford to pay for that myself once every two years.
I only joined this section early in 2005
I will be serving as a committee chair after the Annual Conference.
If I haven't been on a committee, it would be hard to chair one.
I'm chair of another committee and can't take on any more.
I'm currently serving on one DLS committee. I'm new to the section and as previously mentioned, involved in another ACRL section (as an officer). I simply haven't had the opportunity to become more fully involved in DLS due to meeting conflicts at ALA conferences.
I'm disorganized.
I'm employed part-time and have other part-time jobs to defray expenses. If full time anywhere would consider it.
I'm in the UK
I'm new
I'm new to my distance learning position and just getting started.
involvement in WSS

Job change and work demands
Just beginning in the profession. Would like to serve in the future.
Just joined.
Just joined.
Just joined.
Just starting to serve on this section.
Lack of time
Low travel allowance
More focused on IF issues (and committees)
My major professional participation is in my state association, a very strong and active one. Funding for travel is often unreliable, as well.
N/A
Never been asked, but as mentioned before, I'm new to ACRL and ALA. However, I will be busy studying for my MLS.
Never been asked, plus the amount of work and the commitment required.
Never been on a committee
never belong to a DLS committee
new to section
New to the process
no interest in leadership roles at this time
no reason, see question 11
No time to serve.
not a member
not been asked, but other commitments would not leave me with the time required for this position
not enough time
Not interested
not interested
Not involved yet.
Not really involved in the work of the section.
Not sure what all is involved...
not sure
Once again, new to this position.
Other commitments in ALA and ACRL
other commitments
Other commitments. My involvement with Distance Education is minimal.
Previously answered.
Primary commitment to ALCTS CMDS.
Recently joined DLS
Same as for previous question
Same as previous answer.
Same as previous reply.
See answer about committees
See previous answer.
See previous response.
See previous...
Since it isn't the main thrust of my job, I do my volunteer commitments elsewhere.
Swamped with other commitments at the moment
There are other areas, in which I do serve on committees and other positions, that

affect my job more.
This isn't my primary field.
Thus far I have not had time due to understaffing.
time
too new as a member
too time intensive for the result
travel funding unreliable, release time difficult to arrange
Travel funds have been cut.
Unable to take on another assignment
Was active in CJCLS until funding got too much of a hassle.
Work in a Canadian library