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Minutes of Fall 2000 Membership Meeting

November 10, 2000

Atlanta Doubletree Hotel

(Please see meeting packets for materials referenced here).

Attendees

Air Univ.: Shirley Laseter

Auburn Univ.: Glenn Andersen, Sheria
Downer

Clemson Univ.: Sarah McClesky

College of William & Mary: Connie
McCarthy

Duke Univ.: David Ferriero

East Carolina Univ.: Carroll Varner

Emory Univ.: David Vidor

Florida State Univ.: Jeanette Cox

George Mason Univ.: John Zenelis

Georgia Tech: Rich Meyer

Georgia State Univ.: Charlene Hurt

Louisiana State Univ.: Jennifer Cargill

Mississippi State Univ.: Steven Cunetto

NC State Univ.: Carolyn Argentati

State Library of North Carolina: Robert
Burgin

Tulane Univ.: Lance Query, Cecilia Stafford

Univ. of Alabama: Charles Osburn

Univ. of Alabama - Birmingham: Jerry
Stephens

Univ. of Central Florida: Barry Baker

Univ. of Florida: Dale Canelas

Univ. of Georgia: Bill Potter

Univ. of Kentucky: Mary Molinaro

Univ. of Louisville: Hannelore Rader

Univ. of Memphis: Sylverna Ford

Univ. of Miami: Steven Ullmann

Univ. of Mississippi: John Meador

UNC - Chapel Hill: Larry Alford

Univ of South Carolina: George Terry,
Tom McManus

Univ. of South Florida: Derrie Perez

Univ. of Tennessee - Knoxville: Barbara
Dewey

Vanderbilt Univ.: Paul Gherman, Marshall
Breeding

Wake Forest Univ.: Rhoda Channing

SOLINET Staff Present: Kate Nevins, Amy Dykeman, John Burger, Joan Berger

Members Not Present: Alabama Public Library Service, Florida International University, Georgia Office of Public Library Services, Mississippi Library Commission, State Library of Florida, State Library of South Carolina, The Library of Virginia, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech.

Proceedings

Welcome and Introductions: Paul Gherman, ASERL Board President

Paul Gherman opened the meeting at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone, including many new directors (Shirley Laseter - Air University, Rich Meyer - Georgia Tech, Lance Query - Tulane, Sylverna Ford - Univ. of Memphis, Barbara Dewey - Univ. Tennessee - Knoxville).

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Update and Discussion: ASERL's Organizational Growth & Development: John Burger, ASERL Project Manger

John Burger gave a bit of background on himself and his activities and an overall update of ASERL activities, including:

- As of Friday November 10,2000, ASERL is officially incorporated. The Bylaws, as voted on and adopted by the Board, will have the date changed to reflect the November 10 incorporation date. Future changes to the bylaws will need a 2/3 member vote to change.
- A number of new projects are underway, several to be discussed later in the agenda; proposals for VEL, Virtual Reference, document delivery, survey on storage needs.
- John indicated that one of his goals is to increase visibility for ASERL, suggested that libraries fill out the yellow media contact form in the packet if they would like ASERL to send media announcements to contacts in the member's local area.
- Date for ASERL spring meeting: March 24-26: Westin Francis Marion hotel, Charleston, SC. Meetings: Saturday evening reception; Sunday, 8:30-2:00; Monday 8:30-noon. Requests for discussion topics should be sent to Paul or John.
- ASERL Annual Meeting: Held as part of SOLINET Annual Meeting, May 2 - 4, Sheraton Buckhead hotel.

Update and Discussion: ASERL Committee on Research Librarian Competencies; Derrie Perez, Interim Director, University of South Florida Libraries

Derrie submitted the draft report from the Education Committee (Derrie Perez, chair; Miriam Drake; David Ferriero; Charlene Hurt; Kate Nevins; Lance Query; Sharon Sullivan (Duke)).

The effort has the support of \$20,000 from CLIR. It is proposing a "summit" for ASERL library directors and library school deans. Straw poll for dates: March 24-before ASERL, Charleston; Tuesday March 27-after ASERL, Charleston; Saturday May 5-After SOLINET Annual Meeting, Atlanta. Strongest indication was to tag it on to SOLINET annual meeting, because Atlanta is more accessible.

Long term objectives of the draft and discussions: hope for better applicants in pools, use in staff development. Suggestions made to get the document out to "others than ourselves," higher education groups.

Two deans will join the committee to work on the next steps: Jane Robbins-U. Fla., and Joanne Marshall-UNC. There was a question of whether to limit the discussion to only deans of library schools in the SE or to look at all schools.

Update: ASERL Virtual Reference System Proposal: Carolyn Argentati, NC State University; Marshall Breeding, Vanderbilt

Carolyn Argentati and Marshall Breeding talked about virtual reference "chat" software currently available as well as the applications being tested at NC State. In addition there was discussion about the approach that LC is talking for their collaborative digital reference project.

This effort was viewed by those present as a potential collaborative effort for ASERL, in building a database that could be used as well as an opportunity to purchase collaboratively at the start of a project before each library had purchased individual software. Amy and staff will

pursue this topic for the Spring meeting and look at viable vendors to possibly invite to present. Amy asked for names of heads of reference, or e-resources coordinators to work with her to bring recommendations for the March meeting.

Update: Database Licensing Activities: Amy Dykeman, Director of Collection Management Services, SOLINET; Joan Berger, Manager of Library Products & Services, SOLINET.

netLibrary: By mid-January should have 20,000 books available, so far have purchased 400+ books as 2d copies, 38% of the books are published after 1998, the books are cover to cover the same as print including pagination. Amy has communicated to netLibrary that for citation purposes it is important to have the pagination the same as the print source. It was also mentioned that everyone has the ability to view their own use statistics. In terms of the records, the decision is to go with OCLC: Libraries pay a one-time fee of \$120 for records to FTP from OCLC with the match done by the library. netLibrary does the cataloging. ASERL needs to begin evaluating this as a pilot project and evaluate the use when we have records in the catalog. Two more companies are coming out with ebooks, need to assess where the market is.

In terms of counting the titles, the feeling was that it should be counted as 20,000 volumes.

Update: Virtual Electronic Library Project: Marshall Breeding

After a vote of ASERL members, the VEL Project will be called "Kudzu." Twelve ASERL libraries are participating on a fast track and -- because it is already in place at five of the sites -- have agreed to use OCLC SiteSearch for the initial software package. A chart was distributed showing system options of SiteSearch and Fretwell-Downing's VDX system comparing costs. The Fretwell-Downing cost includes the Oracle license. The VEL administrators, IT staff, and ILL staff would like to meet with each vendors for a demonstration -- perhaps at ALA Midwinter? This group needs to develop pros/cons for the systems, talk about the options, look at gathering statistics. **Let John know of staff who should participate in such a meeting as soon as possible.**

Update: Document Delivery System Proposals: Amy Dykeman, John Burger

FedEx does not offer group contracts for projects of this type. John Burger & Amy Dykeman met with Lanter Delivery Systems as a potential delivery vendor. Lanter already delivers John Deere parts and Home Depot products in the southeast. The value to Kudzu would be in the document delivery piece. More libraries may be interested beyond the initial 12. Next step will be to talk to Lanter, and talk to OCLC about a pilot license for SiteSearch.

Overview: ASERL Cooperative Journal Storage Proposal: Amy Dykeman

Based on the survey conducted by Amy Dykeman, any further action is shelved. Many ASERL members have a storage or potential storage problem but there is no interest at this time in taking on a cooperative storage project. USF is interested in knowing about projects underway.

Wrap-Up/Review of Upcoming Activities

- Paul Gherman asked for nominations for ASERL board; send names to John Burger using form in packet. Stella Bentley will chair the Nomination Committee.
- Spring meeting: Charleston, March 24-26, Westin Francis Marion hotel.
- ASERL annual meeting: held at SOLINET annual meeting, Atlanta, May 3-4, Sheraton Buckhead hotel.

- Kate Nevins reported on a follow-up she made during the meeting: netLibrary records: 856 field, there is a URL for each title included in the record.

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Connie Kearns McCarthy, Secretary-Treasurer