



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call Summary

ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program

June 18, 2007

Participants:

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U-Kentucky	Sandee McAninch
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ASERL	John Burger

Welcome/Call to Order

John Burger convened the call at 12:03pm EDT. He welcomed participants and thanked them for their support of this new effort.

Project Overview/Update on GPO Guidelines

The group discussed the current status of the ASERL concept paper. John clarified that previous proposals for GPO-funded consultants in the region were not currently under consideration.

There was discussion about the recent controversy resulting from the SLA/GODORT/AALL letter to GPO regarding shared federal regional depositories. The group agreed that ASERL's letter to GPO was a strong statement in support of GPO's draft guidelines. Additional letters of support for the GPO proposal are arriving. The deadline for submitting comments is June 19th.

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Roles/Responsibilities of the Steering Committee

The group discussed the general roles for the Committee, including:

- **Communicating with librarians in the region and nationally about the ASERL program.** There appears to be a lack of understanding about what ASERL is considering; the Steering Committee can work to correct this.
- **Setting priorities for program activities and timelines.** Currently there is no dedicated staff for this program. The Committee will need to determine what can reasonably be accomplished in light of other workloads.

Initial Activities

- **Write program summary** to help increase understanding of our concept.
- **Consider hosting online overview/discussion sessions** for representatives from Selective depository libraries in the region to help foster additional understanding of our program.
- **Update ASERL directors at Fall Membership Meeting.** ASERL Executive Director and Dean representative on Steering Committee will handle this.
- **Encourage additional subscribers** to the ASERL_Selectives listserv. Everyone is encouraged to promote the list via other channels. Anyone who wants to subscribe to the ASERL_Selectives list should send an email to:
join-aserl_selectives@solinet.net
with a subject line of:
subscribe aserl_selectives
- **Learn more about the Regional shared housing agreements** used in Tennessee.
- **Identify test-bed project for collection management concept.** The group discussed focusing on documents from the Army Corps of Engineers (active agency) and the Works Projects Administration (defunct agency) to test the formation of “centers of excellence” as described in the concept paper. There was some concern about using the Army Corps documents in a test-bed project, as they can be complex - might be too difficult as a “proof-of-concept” first effort.
- **Committee Meeting:** The group will meet in person before the Fall FDLP meeting. Exact time, place, and agenda items to be determined in coming months.
- **Next Conference Call: JULY 12, 2007 - 10:30AM EDT.** The group will try to set up a standardized day each month for these calls in the future.

Adjournment

John Burger adjourned the call at 1:05pm EDT.