Steering Committee Conference Call Summary
ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program
May 7, 2008; 3 p.m. EDT

ATTENDING:
David Vidor, Emory University
John Burger, ASERL
Judith Russell, University of Florida
James Staub, Tennessee State Library and Archives
Laura Harper, University of Mississippi
Marian Parker, Wake Forest University
Sandeep McAninch, University of Kentucky
Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama
William Sudduth, University of South Carolina

Review of Draft Letter to GPO on Challenges Facing Regionals
Input was gathered from Regionals and Selectives in the ASERL states to draft the major sections of ASERL’s letter to GPO. Introductory and summary paragraphs are being drafted by ASERL staff to aid in overall readability. Steering Committee members agreed during this teleconference to the structure and content of the last draft posted at noon Eastern time, May 7, 2008.

It was recommended that we submit these comments to GPO both via the online form at FDLP.gov and on ASERL letterhead.

Steering suggested the following changes:
• Earlier drafts contained explicit reference to the Kansas/Nebraska shared regional holdings proposal. The committee recommended this reference be returned, and that successful multi-state Regional collaborations be mentioned as well. Examples include the existing multi-state/territory Regionals (MD/DC/DE/VA, WA/AK, HI/GU/AS/FM, ME/NH/VT, CT/RI, MN/SD, FL/PR/VI, CO/WY), and shared Regionals within a single state (SC); widespread ILL service across state lines.
• Another environmental variable that’s changed since the 1960s: we have evolved multistate
 consortia (non-FDLP) in the time since Title 44 was substantially revisited

- In the heading of the Preservation paragraph, include “in both electronic and tangible” in Preservation: Support collaborative efforts to develop an appropriate amount of redundancy in both electronic and tangible collections.
- In the second paragraph, strike “multiple copies” and insert “-- wide distribution of multiple copies --”

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. EDT.