Steering Committee Conference Call Summary
ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program
June 24, 2008

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
Sandee McAninch, University of Kentucky
William Sudduth, University of South Carolina

Call to Order – 4:05pm EDT

1) Quick Review of Activities since Last Conference Call

Steering decided we would like to comment on GPO's draft report on the state of Regional FDLP libraries. Steering also suggested that we use this letter to correct any inaccuracies found in AALL's letter to GPO regarding the Regionals study. This was done with the ASERL Board's approval. ASERL's letters to GPO are posted on the program's web page.

Steering committee members who are attending AALL conference in mid-July will also try to address some of that group's concerns about this committee's plans.

In an effort to further clarify this committee's vision, Steering discussed changing some wording in project documents on the web page , e.g.,

- "Collection analysis" is a better descriptor than "collection management" for the project
- Using "ILL" might clarify confusion over "document delivery"

We will update language and circulate the proposed changes to this committee before posting.

2) Review of outline agreement for Paratext information

Steering discussed the draft agreement that outlines our plan of activities with Paratext. The agreement will specify that we can share the FW and Y 3.W89/2 data we have extracted from the Public Documents Masterfile with other ASERL Regionals, some of whom are non-Paratext customers. In return, this group would provide Paratext with any additional bibliographic

information we uncover to complement their database, e.g., OCLC number matches for their records containing no OCLC numbers.

Steering is also hoping that GPO will use SuDoc class FW as a front-load test for the digitization of the GPO shelf list.

3) Need to re-survey Y3s to get any remaining FW records?

Steering discussed whether many ASERL libraries may have classed FW materials as Y 3.W 89/2: instead of FW. A recent WorldCat query identified about 40 items classed as Y 3.W 89/2:, and the Univ. of South Carolina's catalog has over 100 items in this class. Steering agreed that we will incorporate use of the Y 3.W 89/2: records into the Paratext agreement. Steering will also survey the ASERL Regionals regarding their linear foot measurement of the Y 3.W 89/2: -classed items in their collections.

4) Timing for commercial products survey?

This committee decided to delay further action to collect this information until Fall/Winter 2008.

5) Use of LOCKSS to archive digital federal publications?

Steering discussed LOCKSS as a means of preserving FDLP electronic publications. It is our understanding that the LOCKSS project team is very interested in creating caches of federal publications, including creating a LOCKSS network for Carl Malamud's http://public.resource.org/ materials. If ASERL were to attempt a LOCKSS test with federal publications, we would need to define a project that does not overlap with other projects, such as AALL's LIPA project (see http://www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/). ASERL could conceivably use ED materials as a LOCKSS test bed for such an effort. Steering will survey the ASERL Regionals to determine who has LOCKSS boxes currently. If this looks promising, ASERL will discuss options for growing the project with the LOCKSS team at Stanford to determine any LOCKSS Alliance fees that may be necessary. This committee will revisit this project sometime in the future.

6) Interest in Digital Curation conference in 2009 at UNC?

While this is interesting, ASERL does not have funds to pay travel costs for CFDP Steering Committee members.

7) Need for part-time project coordinator?

As this group looks toward more intensive data management and other tasks in the near future, Steering believes the project will need a dedicated part-time staff person. The ASERL Executive Director will present this model to the ASERL Board President and will inform CFDP Steering of the results.

8) Future conference call dates -- last Wednesday of each month?

No, FOURTH Wednesday of each month. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 3PM Eastern/2PM Central

9) Face-to-face meeting at DLC in October?

DLC falls over the fourth Wednesday in October. We will tentatively meet Sunday, October 19, in the afternoon. Logistics will be determined in the future.

Adjourned – 4:55pm EDT