



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call
ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program
August 28, 2008

ATTENDING:

David Vidor, Emory University
John Burger, ASERL
James Staub, Tennessee State Library and Archives
Laura Harper, University of Mississippi
Santee McAninch, University of Kentucky
Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama
William Sudduth, University of South Carolina

Update on face-to-face meeting At DLC in October

We have secured a room in the conference hotel for our public comment session on October 19th.

Participation in ALA/GODORT Federal Agency Liaison Program

The program asks individuals to volunteer to make contact with federal agencies entirely outside the realm and endorsement of GPO and the FDLP. As we build more centers of excellence, we should keep this in mind as a manner of building expertise. We might also be able to locate subject experts through this program. The committee agreed to not pursue a commitment to the liaison program at this time.

Posting Collection Profile Survey Data on Project Website

Data gathering is now complete, so it will be posted to the project website, including the questions from the survey.

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Update on Project Management

ASERL is investigating hiring a part-time project assistant to support the functions of this committee. ASERL Board supports the idea. ASERL would fund this position by asking member libraries to contribute monies to cover the staff costs.

Update on Cataloging Data for FW/Y3 and ED Collections and discussion of initial steps for Test-Bed Projects

The committee discussed alternate technologies for gathering/sharing results of collection inventories:

- Google Docs can share spreadsheets, and allow multiple users to update them;
- OCLC Collection Analysis – there may be disparities between libraries’ holdings as posted to OCLC vs. their actual shelf holdings

Overall, we need to identify the items each “center” doesn’t have and determine how to get copies to them, either from collections at a Selective depository, a duplicate copy held by a Regional, or creating a surrogate copy.

For ED records: We will use the MARC data for ED publication from GPO and subtract the items held by South Carolina. The remaining items will be those we seek to get from other sites for the “center of excellence.” Several committee members will investigate methods for retrieving this information from the Catalog of US Government Publications (CGP).

For FW/Y3 records: We will use the information from the Paratext spreadsheet.

The group also discussed whether a “center” should be expected to hold all versions of items that are periodically superseded. For the ED test project, South Carolina agreed to include all versions of superseded materials. Given the age of the WPA collections, this issue is probably not relevant since all depositories had to retain all that they received at that point in time.