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Steering Committee Conference Call Summary
ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program
May 27, 2009 - 3:00pm EDT

Attendees:

John Burger, ASERL
Mary Clark, State Library of Virginia
Chelsea Dinsmore, University of Florida
Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama
Laura Harper, University of Mississippi
Santee McAninch, University of Kentucky
Judith Russell, University of Florida
Bill Sudduth, University of South Carolina
David Vidor, Emory University

AGENDA

- 1) **Succession planning (John Burger):** Marian Parker has resigned from this committee due to new commitments she has undertaken. A new member will be needed, so we need to start thinking about possible successors.

- 2) **Update on technology to use for “centers of excellence” databases (Valerie Glenn):**
 - All groups spoken to have agreed that an installation of Evergreen or some other completely separate cataloging system is unnecessarily complex.
 - The pre-76 wiki led by the University of Montana is an option, but still requires spreadsheets to be hosted locally. Additionally, it is not possible for users to search across multiple spreadsheets at one time – potentially a significant drawback.
 - Valerie examined biblios.net and does not believe it will suit the needs of this project.
 - LibraryThing seems to be quite time consuming.
 - GoogleDocs spreadsheet has not been fully explored yet, but it does allow searching across multiple spreadsheets and a large number of rows. It is crawled frequently by Google and other search engines so it will be readily found by the public. Not perfect but, perhaps, a reasonable interim solution.

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Next Steps: The Technology subgroup should be asked to review the Googledocs idea in case there are problems we don't know about yet.

- 3) **Review of DLC lunch meeting notes (Sandee McAninch):** Beth Rowe (UNC-Chapel Hill) volunteered at the DLC lunch meeting to help work on training issues. Valerie Glenn and David Vidor will serve as liaisons from the Steering Committee.
Next Steps: Valerie will post a call to the aserl-selectives listserv to recruit an additional volunteer or two.
- 4) **Update on Paratext agreement (John Burger):** A year ago ASERL spoke with the executive team at Paratext about using WPA related data from one of their commercial products, the Public Documents Masterfile. At the time the Paratext team was very receptive, and a draft MOU between ASERL - Paratext was started, but the project was put on hold due to staffing issues at Paratext. Conversations have been restarted. Paratext will review/revise the draft MOU and return it to John.
- 5) **Update on creation of WPA "Center of Excellence" (Sandee McAninch):**
 - The WPA collection at UK has been moved into the work area of the library. It has been shelf read and some preliminary preservation work has been done.
 - A graduate assistant will be starting at UK in August to help with creating a file of all extant WPA titles/pubs. for posting to ASERL discussion lists/website.
 - The catalog records will include notations about the condition of the copy they have and that UK is the library of record for this project. Other items will include SuDoc, title, date, and OCLC #, at the least.
 - UK will also work on fugitive publications which may require the assignment of LC classification numbers if no SuDoc number can be identified.
- 5) **Update on creation of ED "Center of Excellence" (Bill Sudduth):** The ED materials are being assembled at USC and are still being sorted. Cataloging work has not yet started.
- 6) **Next meeting date:** The next conf. call will be held **July 22 at 3:00pm EDT.**

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm