



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call Notes
ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program
December 02, 2009 - 3:00pm EST

Attendees:

- *John Burger, ASERL
- *Cheryle Cole-Bennett, ASERL
- *Chelsea Dinsmore, University of Florida
- *Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama, program chair
- *Laura Harper, University of Mississippi
- *Bill Sudduth, University of South Carolina
- *David Vidor, Emory University
- *Faye Jones, Florida State University Law Library

AGENDA

1. Committee Updates: John welcomed Cheryle Cole-Bennett, the new program coordinator, formerly of LYRASIS. She will become the primary point of contact for this project.

2. Project Updates
 - a. DLC: Valerie reported on the Meeting at the DLC meeting.
 - The Interim ITHAKA report was seen as a fairly good summary of where we are but they were urged to speak to some smaller libraries. The final report has not yet been released.
 - Those present at DLC agreed that Regionals want discards to go through them, even if materials are going to a Center of Excellence.

 - b. WPA: Mary Beth Thomson (U-Ky) reported at DLC that they are making progress on inventorying and cataloging.

 - c. DoE: Bill Sudduth reported that their inventory and cataloging is proceeding. Microfiche is going slowly due to poor early cataloging.

 - d. Panama Canal: UF has gathered the materials within their holdings, cataloged them, and sent an initial batch to the Internet Archive. They can be viewed at [http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=\(contributor%3ASmathers%20AND%20format%3Apdf\)%20AND%20-mediatype%3Acollection&sort=-publicdate](http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=(contributor%3ASmathers%20AND%20format%3Apdf)%20AND%20-mediatype%3Acollection&sort=-publicdate)

Additional materials will be forthcoming from the Panama Canal museum. UF will start the process all over again. Solicitations for outstanding titles will be going out early next year.

- e. Training Committee (Valerie Glenn, Chair): The Committee met in person at DLC. Decided they want to survey potential audience to determine needs and wants. Determined that the potential audience is reference providers at depository libraries in ASERL states. It was pointed out that in the initial concept paper public and school librarians were included. Valerie stated that this initial audience could serve as a pilot group and then as the program gets rolling other groups could be included. Also, this encourages a train-the-trainer type model where early participants could help spread the programs. Momentum has slowed a bit, but the goal is to run a survey in the Spring. Discussion of a new chair for this committee also occurred. Valerie will discuss it with other members of the committee.
 - f. ASERL Dean's Committee (Judy Russell, Chair): A committee is being formed to manage collections across regions rather than state-wide. Members include Judy Russell (UFL), Julia Rholes (U-Miss); Bill Potter (UGA), Bonnie MacEwan (Auburn), Lance Query (Tulane), and Larry Boyer (East Carolina). The committee will be working on shared goals over the next few months and then they will work with Document librarians to discuss the goals and how to implement them. Among other things, they are hoping to streamline and standardize policies and procedures regarding documents collections within ASERL.
3. Digitization: Questions came up at DLC regarding the role of digitization in this project and whether it would be an integral part of the program. The general feeling seems to be that it shouldn't be required, but it's great if institutions can support a "scan-on-demand" type program. There are institutions interested in the idea of scanning an entire agency; the mass digitization program offered by LYRISIS/Internet Archive is a potential outsource vendor.
 4. Reference Support: Part of this project is to identify people with expertise in the agencies indentified for Centers of Excellence. There hasn't been much discussion or movement on this part of the project. Regionals have not been surveyed on this topic. Discussion covered including the question in the survey done by the training committee, posting the question to Govdoc-L, and perhaps via GODORT. The December 2007 survey of ASERL Regionals asked about expertise, but that data may be out of date.
 5. Other Business: There will be a live OPAL session on December 14 from GPO on best practices for disposal of depository items.

Next meeting date: The next conf. call date is scheduled for January 27th at 3:00pm (EST).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm