



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call Summary

ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program

July 23, 2008

ATTENDING:

John Burger, ASERL
James Staub, Tennessee State Library and Archives
Laura Harper, University of Mississippi
Marian Parker, Wake Forrest University
Santee McAninch, University of Kentucky
William Sudduth, University of South Carolina
Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama

1) Call to Order: The group convened at 3:12pm Eastern Time.

2) Community Updates

- AALL Meeting: Two members of the Steering Committee spoke at the recent AALL Government Relations Committee meeting, mostly focusing on AALL's letter to GPO which references ASERL's collaborative federal depository program.
- Depository Library Council member has asked for assistance articulating a position on cooperative programs.
- Superintendent of Documents Ric Davis mentioned that GPO had received more feedback from law library directors in this recent round of data gathering than had been received in recent memory.
- Zagami memo: ARL recently requested an opinion from retired JCP/GPO counsel Anthony Zagami concerning the sections of Title 44 of the United States Code that would require legislative modifications in order to allow for the sharing of resources and responsibilities among the nation's federal Regional depository libraries. Of particular note, Zagami points out that the current legislation gives JCP broad authority to address contemporary issues and concerns that might arise in connection with Title 44 matters, including those "it considers necessary to remedy neglect, delay, duplication, or waste..."

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3) Project web page updates - questions, comments?

Updated project documents have been posted to the website in a new format that will hopefully be easier for readers to navigate. Committee members liked the changes. The ASERL CFDP page has received approximately 450 hits since January 1st.

4) Update on Cataloging Data for FW and Y3 data

We are waiting for a response to our proposal from the vendor.

5) Collection Profile data - news, discussion of initial steps for test-bed project

We are still compiling the linear foot measurements from Regionals on their Y3.W89/2 holdings. It was suggested that we post the survey data on the website. We will poll the Regionals to see if they would agree to do this.

Test-Bed Centers of Excellence

The survey data show that University of Kentucky holds the largest collection of FW materials in the region. University of South Carolina holds the largest collection of ED materials. Each agreed to serve as the "center of excellence" for our test-bed effort.

Other Steps

Future steps for these pilot "centers of excellence" will need to include:

- Compiling accurate inventories of FWs/Y3.W89/2 and ED documents at Regionals in the Southeast
- Each Regional will have to work with their Selectives to determine if they want to route any FW/Y3.W89/2 and ED withdrawal lists to the center of excellence first, rather than the Regional.

The plan calls for any gaps in the "center" collection to be filled by items submitted by Selectives, not Regionals, including items from Selectives in other states.

There was significant discussion about ways Regionals could attach ED holdings in OCLC WorldCat. Doing so would allow an automated inventory process for this class. It was noted that OCLC is offering one free data "batch load" per library; participating libraries could opt to upload only their ED data for free, or could include more items in the batch load if desired. This matter should be raised with the other Regionals to get their input on how to proceed. We will attempt to convene a teleconference with Regionals if needed, and/or discuss in October at the FDLP/DLC conference.

6) Commercial Products Survey -- next steps?

Because the Univ. of South Carolina has agreed to serve as the test-bed center for ED documents, we will be seeking someone else to lead the development of the commercial products survey. The next task leader will need to clarify the scope of the survey. Assistance from outside the Steering Committee would be welcome on this task.

7) Meeting at FDLP/DLC Conference in October

The Committee agreed to meeting in person in the early afternoon on October 19th. We should consider a face-to-face meeting with other Regionals and a public update/comment session as well.

8) NEXT MEETING: The date of our next teleconference will be on **Thursday, August 28, 3PM EDT**, not Wednesday, Aug 27th, as previously scheduled.

9) Adjourn

The call was adjourned at 4:01p.m. EDT.