Meeting Minutes
ASERL Spring 2010 Membership Meeting Minutes
April 21-22, 2010
Marcus Nanotechnology Research Center – Georgia Tech
Atlanta, Georgia

Participants:
Air University                      Jeff Luzius
Auburn University                  Bonnie MacEwan
Clemson University                 Kay Wall
College of William & Mary          Connie McCarthy
Duke University                    Deborah Jakubs
East Carolina University           Larry Boyer
Florida International University   Laura Probst
Florida State University           Julia Zimmerman
George Mason University            John Zenelis
Georgia State University           Nan Seamans
Georgia Tech                      Catherine Murray-Rust
Ithaka S+R                         Roger Schonfeld
Louisiana State University         Jennifer Cargill
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Tulane                             Lance Query
UNC Chapel Hill                    Sarah C Michalak
UNC Charlotte                      Mike Olson
UNC Greensboro                     Kathy Crowe
University of Alabama              Lou Pitschmann
University of Arkansas             Carolyn Allen
University of Central Florida      Barry Baker
University of Florida              Judith Russell
University of Georgia              Toby Graham
University of Kentucky             Terry Birdwhistell
University of Louisville           Diane Nichols
University of Memphis              Sylverna Ford
University of Miami                Yolanda Cooper
University of Mississippi          Julia Rholes
University of South Carolina       Tom McNally
University of South Florida        Todd Chavez
University of Tennessee            Gayle Baker
Vanderbilt University              Connie Vinita Dowell
Vanderbilt University              Flo Wilson
Virginia Commonwealth University   John Ulmschneider
Virginia Tech                      Eileen Hitchingham
Wake Forest University             Lynn Sutton
Welcome and Introductions
ASERL Board President Deborah Jakubs called the meeting to order at 1 PM. She thanked Catherine Murray-Rust and her Georgia Tech colleagues for their assistance in hosting the meeting. Members and guests introduced themselves. There were tributes to Connie McCarthy (by David Ferriero, via video) and Flo Wilson (by John Burger) acknowledging their impending retirements.

ASERL 2010 Annual Meeting
Deborah convened the 2010 Annual Meeting, as required by law, at 1:15. The first item was election of the new board members. Nominated are Sarah Michalak (UNC Chapel Hill) as president-elect; Larry Boyer (East Carolina) as secretary-treasurer, and Judy Russell (U-Florida) as an at-large member. There were no nominations from the floor. Several ASERL members moved to approve the slate of nominees as-is; John Ulmschneider seconded the motion. The slate was approved by unanimous vote.

Deborah and John Burger thanked Bonnie MacEwan, Kay Wall, and Julia Zimmerman, who are completing their board terms, for their service. John Ulmschneider will become ASERL President at the conclusion of this Membership Meeting.

Julia Zimmerman gave the annual financial report – see meeting packet.

There was no old business. No new business was raised by ASERL members. The Annual Meeting adjourned at 1:22PM. The program for the Membership Meeting began immediately afterward.

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Presentation: Next steps for “What to Withdraw” – Roger Schonfeld (Ithaka S&R)
Roger reported on Ithaka’s recent report on print journal management, as well as their recent (third) faculty survey. Ithaka seeks to develop further data and tools to help libraries make decisions about deaccessioning print journals based on the national calculations of risk of loss. The faculty survey focuses on faculty use of library materials/information, breakdowns by discipline, and shows continued growth comfort levels among faculty in using electronic scholarly information.

Discussion: ASERL’s Proposed Journal Retention Agreement
ASERL’s draft agreement has been widely circulated. John Burger reported strong participation in webinars to discuss the proposal. There was strong consensus that the proposed agreement is very useful. There was some discussion regarding differences between ASERL’s proposed agreement and a similar proposal among the state-funded academic libraries in Florida. ASERL’s Study Group and the SUS study group will attempt to reconcile the wording differences. [As a result of these discussions, ASERL will convene an Interim Steering
Committee to address the initial policy and logistical needs of the project, with a report at the
next meeting in November. At that time, ASERL libraries will be asked to sign on to the
agreement for the long term.

Update: CRL’s Shared Storage Initiative – Lizanne Payne (CRL- via webcast)
The Center for Research Libraries is leading an effort to share information about various print
archiving agreements operated by library consortia around the country. They are considering
options for the systems to interoperate, to optimize the agreements and reduce unnecessary
duplication. New data systems may be needed to provide the information needed to make
informed decisions. ASERL staff will continue to monitor developments.

Update/Discussion: ASERL Membership Committee
Lynn Sutton and John Burger led the discussion since Barbara Dewey and Bill Potter were not
able to attend the meeting. John reviewed ASERL’s current bylaws as they relate to this issue.
Libraries in the Southeast region that fulfill membership requirements for three years are eligible
to join ASERL. Those outside the region are eligible for “program affiliate” status. The group
discussed the pros and cons of membership growth; the importance of regionality; and the pros
and cons of current program affiliate structure. There was strong interest in targeted invitations
to libraries that would be strategic partners for ASERL, similar to the American Association of
Universities. Kay Wall (Clemson) and Barry Baker (UCF) volunteered to serve on the
Membership Committee in future discussions.

Recess
The meeting was recessed around 5:10PM. Georgia Tech offered tours of their library and
hosted a reception for ASERL members.

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Call to Order
Deborah Jakubs reconvened the meeting at 8:30AM

Update: ASERL’s Collaborative Digitization Project
John and Bonnie discussed ASERL’s Collaborative Digitization Project focused on Civil War Era
materials. Member libraries were generous in their pledges to support development of the online
portal for the project (to be developed by U-Georgia), committing more than needed at this time.
ASERL will be invoicing contributors at 80 cents for each dollar committed.

Metadata standards and scanning specifications are complete. Approximately 350
items/collections are in line to be digitized by member libraries as part of this effort. Several
libraries have offered digitize materials for other libraries who need assistance. Some may
employ the Lyrasis partnership with the Internet Archive – webinars are scheduled to provide
more information about this option. There will be a survey of large-scale digitization equipment
for maps or other specialized materials, with the information to be shared with participants.

Discussion: ASERL’s Proposal for Managing FDLP Collections
The FDLP Proposal was discussed by Judy Russell, who has chaired the study group (including
Larry Boyer, Bonnie MacEwan, Sarah Michalak, Bill Potter, Lance Query and Julia Rholes.) The
proposal offers to expand the“Centers of Excellence” concept to create two complete sets of
cataloged FDLP materials held across libraries in the Southeast. Under the agreement libraries
will agree to retain documents in specified subject areas; within these chosen subject areas,
they will agree to catalog existing collections and retrospectively collect other items to fill in gaps. They will also provide digitization of items on demand (if not already digitized).

Another aspect of the proposal is streamlining/standardizing the process for disposing of unwanted/unneeded documents. Disposing of them has been more difficult than it needs to be.

Next Steps
- ASERL directors are asked to meet with their docs librarians regarding this proposal to communicate ASERL’s desire to implement these concepts.
- Directors at regional depositories should also communicate with the directors of selectives in state/territory to foster support for the proposal.
- An online survey will elicit feedback from interested parties
- ASERL may establishing a Directors’ Outreach Group to help foster communication about this issue
- There may be presentation at next DLC meeting (in Washington DC in October) to describe the proposal.

ASERL directors unanimously approved this agreement. Judy Russell and John Burger will work on follow-up activities.

Lyrisus organizational Update, Strategic Planning Survey Results – Kate Nevins. See handout
Lyrisus just had its first-year anniversary. Kate gave a presentation on the “State of the cooperative,” and reviewed recent market surveys describing future directions for Lyrisus. Also, Lyrisus will take on BCR’s members and programs. BCR, the Colorado cooperative, will dissolve by the end of the year. Lyrisus will then cover libraries in 33 states.

Review/discussion of ASERL’s Draft 2010-2013 Strategic Plan
ASERL members divided into small groups to discuss the draft plan. John will continue to work with the Board on the plan.

Late Breaking News, Announcements, etc.

Relief for Haiti Libraries and Archives
Laurie Probst (FIU) discussed Relief for Haiti Libraries and Archives. (See handout)
“Protecting Haitian Patrimony” –
- Encourage communication across institutions working to assist Haiti’s libraries
- Coordinate technical and in-kind assistance for Haiti’s libraries
- Raise dollars to support specific collection/archival recover and preservation projects

Ideas for assistance:
- Strengthen ILS
- Adopt a library – still in concept phase
- Digitization of Haitian content from collections outside Haiti
- Public Events/Fundraising on campuses
- Blue Shield or the dLOC “Protecting Patrimony Initiative” travel to Haiti

Funds for this effort are being run through the FIU foundation.
**Partnership with HBCU Library Alliance**

ASERL is again partnering with the HBCU Library Alliance to offer six “exchange” experiences for up-and-coming HBCU librarians this summer. The deadline for applications is extended until May 6th. Please consider volunteering.
Schedule for ASERL meetings going forward
John Burger led this discussion. Do we need a longer meeting time? We seem to have many ‘orphan’ agenda items for which we do not have time to devote. Is it feasible that the first day be an all-day meeting, rather than just in the afternoon? Or could we add an hour or two to each end? The group supported the latter option.

There was also a suggestion that ASERL be back-to-back with ARL, but that suggestion didn’t receive much support.

Meeting Wrap-Up
Our next membership meeting will be November 17-18, tentatively in Durham, NC.

Deborah Jakubs made a few comments as retiring president, and acknowledged John Ulmschneider as the new president.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:55AM.