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Meeting Minutes

ASERL Spring 2010 Membership Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, April 21, 2010

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.

ASERL 2010 Membership Meeting

Panel presentation/Discussion: Measuring ROI for Research Libraries *Gayle Baker and Judy Luther (from London)*. [See handouts]

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.

Thursday, April 22, 2010

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.

Lyrasis organizational Update, Strategic Planning Survey Results – Kate Nevins. See handout

Lyrasis 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 Lyrasis. Also, Lyrasis will take on BCR's members and programs. BCR, the Colorado cooperative, will dissolve by the end of the year. Lyrasis 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.