



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call Notes

ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program

January 15, 2014 - 3:00pm EST

Attending:

Stephanie Braunstein, Louisiana State University
Mary Clark, Chair, Library of Virginia
Cheryle Cole-Bennett, ASERL

Sandee McAninch, University of Kentucky
Judy Russell, University of Florida
Bill Sudduth, University of South Carolina

AGENDA

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Agenda

- Preliminary report on the environmental scan
Cheryle Cole-Bennett reviewed the preliminary results from the surveys conducted with Government Documents Coordinators from the Centers of Excellence (COE) libraries. She reported that Julia Rholes (University of MS), Chair of the Dean's FDLP Committee is coordinating similar conversations with Deans/Directors from COE libraries. Surveys were primarily conducted in late October and early November and follow-up phone calls have been scheduled with all but one of the remaining COE library Coordinators. Preliminary results were shared at the November ASERL membership meeting and are available on the ASERL website at <http://www.aserl.org/fall-2013/>.

Surveyed 24 COE Docs Coordinators, 10 COEs not included in results = 71% response rate

Surveyed 20 COE Deans/Directors, 14 COEs not included in results = 59% response rate

Overlap between surveys –

- 3 COEs where only the Deans/Director was surveyed (9%)
- 8 COEs where only the COE Docs Coordinator was surveyed (24%)
- 16 COEs where both COE Docs Coordinator and the Dean/Director surveyed (47%)
- 7 COEs not included in results (21%)

Committee members discussed the results and the perceived strengths/weaknesses of the program, particularly the area of sustainability. While the program was generally identified

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as being worthwhile by survey responders, the concerns regarding sustainability issues (primarily the large number of agencies yet to be chosen for COE coverage coupled with the limited pool of potential COE libraries in the ASERL region) need to be addressed for the program to remain viable. This discussion soon merged into a discussion of a potential Government Documents summit (next topic on the agenda).

- Government Documents Summertime Summit (August 2014)
Committee members agreed a Government Documents summit would be worthwhile. The preliminary results of the environmental scan highlight components of the program that need further review and possible refinement. It was suggested that follow-on grant funding might be a possibility - both for investigating expansion of the program beyond the ASERL region and/or possible digitization efforts (some survey responders noted the need for a stronger digitization component to the program). The committee recommended that the Government Documents summit be presented to the ASERL Board for review.
- General info share –
 - HathiTrust call for records – Committee members briefly discussed the submission of records. Sandee McAninch reported that the University of Kentucky would not share their records, noting their contribution to the ASERL Gap database. Stephanie Braunstein also reported that Louisiana State University would not be sharing their records at this time. Cheryle said that the University of Virginia as well as the University of North Carolina – Greensboro had committed to contributing records to the project.
- Webinar Schedule
 - Winston Harris, Disposition Database Demo. Jan 30, 2014 3PM (45 people have registered so far)
 - David Durant, How to choose a COE. February 26, 2014 3PM (invitation not yet distributed)
 - Bill Sudduth, Collection Development & the Disposition Database, March 27th at 2pm. Co-presenters will be Liza Weisbrod from Auburn University Montgomery and Adam Haigh Lander University
- Announcements
 - ASERL Budget - Software Maintenance Fund. Cheryle reported that at the November meeting the ASERL membership approved a budget increase to establish an annual software maintenance fund in the amount of \$12,750. This action will ensure a continuing stream of funding to support software maintenance costs into the future.
 - Gov Docs events at ALA? None were reported.
 - Member share. Time did not permit member shares.
- Next meeting March 26th – no conflicts were noted

Meeting adjourned at: 4:10pm

Next conference call is **Wednesday, March 26, 2014** at 3:00pm Eastern