



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call Notes

ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program

January 21, 2015 - 3:00pm Eastern

Attending:

Stephanie Braunstein, Louisiana State University

John Burger, ASERL

Mary Clark, Chair, Library of Virginia

Cheryle Cole-Bennett, ASERL

David Durant, East Carolina University

Faye Jones, Florida State University Law Library

Sandee McAninch, University of Kentucky

Judy Russell, University of Florida

Bill Sudduth, University of South Carolina

AGENDA

• **DLC Discussion**

Committee members held a general discussion of the DLC conference and the proposed discards policy. A number of logistical questions remain. Members are happy to see some flexibility from GPO but do not believe this policy will have much impact on FDLP collections. It was reported that the proposed policy is expected to be presented to the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) for approval.

• **Local Government Information**

John Burger received an inquiry from an organization that has received a grant to develop a “harvester” for local government information (city council meeting minutes, local ordinances, etc.). Might ASERL libraries be willing to partner on this project? John asked for the committee’s perspective. General consensus was that it is not a good match, as the scope of this project would be very large (potentially tens of thousands of towns across the country), and that while a great deal of municipal information is available online, the use of technology varies greatly from city to city, which can have significant impacts on what is available online. John will respond to the inquiry indicating this is not a priority for ASERL.

• **2015 Steering Committee Membership and Meeting Schedule**

- March 25, 2015
- May 27, 2015
- July 22, 2015
- September 23, 2015
- Nov/December – December 9, 2015

Committee members discussed the 2015 schedule, electing to remain with a bimonthly meeting rather than changing to a quarterly/semi-annual meeting schedule. Cheryle will follow-up with Outlook meeting requests.

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Mary Clark asked committee members to consider taking on the Chair position which she has held since 2011. Bill Sudduth volunteered to assume this role; all Committee members approved. Mary will continue to serve as a member of the committee. Bill's term will begin with the March 25, 2015 meeting. Members thanked Mary for her many years of service and to Bill for taking on this responsibility.

- Database Use Report (COE database/Disposition database)

Cheryle shared a report describing usage levels of the ASERL COE gap database that the committee had requested to assist with determining the feasibility of proceeding with enhancement requests. There has been little new data added to the COE database, as it is onerous for libraries to manipulate their legacy data into the format required by the COE database. There was some discussion as to whether the Disposition Database – or other projects such as the Government Documents Registry or the HathiTrust Gov Docs project – negate the value of the COE gap database. The usage statistics did not resolve the outstanding questions. After discussion about the cost to modify/enhance the COE database to make it more user-friendly -- estimated at \$20,000 -- committee members did not reach any decisions about how to proceed. Committee members agreed there is value to the gap reports that are available in the database, but the difficulties in populating the bib data is a significant impediment, and it is difficult to predict whether usage will increase if enhancements are made. Committee members agreed to put this discussion on hold for the time being. Cheryle will ask for a status update on the HathiTrust project and the Government Documents Registry and report back to the committee.

- Future Webinar Topics

- Storage Facilities & Access to Government Information, Thursday, February 12, 2015 | 3pm Eastern

Cheryle reported that she had sent an email distribution to the COE list, asking for input on future programs. She will also post the email to the Regionals/Selectives lists. To date, no response has been received. Cheryle asked committee members to contact her if they have any suggested topics.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:57pm