



## Meeting Minutes

### Spring 2014 Membership Meeting & Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Sheraton Tampa RiverWalk Hotel

Tampa, Florida

## Participants

Auburn University: Bonnie MacEwan

Clemson University: Kay Wall

College of William & Mary: Carrie Cooper

Duke University: Robert Byrd

East Carolina University: Jan Lewis

Emory University: Yolanda Cooper

Florida International Univ: Anne Prestamo

Florida State University: Roy Ziegler

George Mason University: Wally

Grotophorst

Georgia Tech: Catherine Murray-Rust

Georgia State University: Tammy

Surgarman

Johns Hopkins University: Liz Mengel

Louisiana State University: Elaine Smyth

Mississippi State University: Stephen

Cunetto

Tulane University: Lance Query

University of Alabama: Millie Jackson

UAB: Jerry Stephens

University of Central Florida: Barry Baker

University of Florida: Judith Russell

University of Georgia: Toby Graham

University of Kentucky: Terry Birdwhistell

University of Louisville: Bob Fox

University of Memphis: Sylverna Ford

University of Miami: Chuck Eckman

University of Mississippi: Julia Rholes

UNC Chapel Hill: Carol Hunter

UNC Charlotte: Stanley Wilder

UNC Greensboro: Rosann Bazirjian

University of South Carolina: Tom McNally

University of South Florida: Bill Garrison

University of Tennessee: Steven Smith

University of Virginia: Carla Lee

Vanderbilt University: Connie Vinita Dowell

VCU: John Ulmschneider

Virginia Tech: Tyler Walters

Wake Forest University: Lynn Sutton

## Staff & Guests

ASERL: John Burger, Cheryle Cole-Bennett

Vanderbilt University: Marshal Breeding

GWLA: Cheryl Middleton

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## Welcome and Introductions

ASERL President, Lynn Sutton called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Attendees introduced themselves. Lynn acknowledged upcoming retirements:

- Connie Vinita Dowell (Vanderbilt). Steve Smith Offered comments;
- Bill Potter (UGA), Tom McNally offered comments in the form of a proclamation from ASERL;

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- Jerry Stephens (UAB). Bonnie MacEwan offered comments on behalf of herself and Lou Pitschmann.
- Elaine Smyth was also recognized and thanked for her service as Interim Dean at LSU.

### *ASERL 2014 Annual Meeting*

NOTE: ASERL's bylaws and state law requires ASERL to hold a distinct "annual meeting" at least once per year to provide financial information to members, to elect board members, and provide members an opportunity to raise other issues of interest. The following meeting fulfills this requirement.

\* **Annual Financial Report** – Bob Fox, Secretary-Treasurer, gave an overview of the budget. Of special note was a \$1000 donation made to ASERL by Nan Seamans (GSU) upon her retirement.

\* **Board Elections** – Lynn thanked the Nomination Committee (Rosann Bazirjian, Frances Coleman, and Tyler Walters) for their work. Nominees are:  
 Stanley Wilder – President-Elect  
 Bob Fox - Secretary-Treasurer  
 Bonnie MacEwan – Member At-Large

Lynn asked for other nominations from the floor, none were presented. A motion to approve the slate as presented was made by Kay Wall, a second was made by Judy Russell. All ASERL members present at the meeting voted in favor.

\* **Final review/VOTE: ASERL Budget and Dues Projections for FY 16 and FR17**

John Burger presented the budget documents (summary sheet in packet). There was no discussion nor questions from the floor. Jerry Stephens made a motion to adopt, Bonnie MacEwan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

\* **Office Relocation:** John gave a brief update on the office relocation to Atlanta, scheduled for May 19, 2014. He expressed his appreciation to Duke University for hosting ASERL for the past 3 years and offered his thanks to Georgia State University for assuming this responsibility.

\* **Call for New Business / Adjournment:** No new business was raised by the membership. , Lynn Sutton adjourned the 2014 Annual Meeting at 1:32pm.

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**c. Presentation/Discussion: Update on Federal OA & Data Sharing Requirements.**

Christine Fruin, via e-meeting. Christine provided a legal update on recent copyright cases; still no word on the GSU appeal. Handout available at

[http://www.aserl.org/spring\\_2014\\_mtq/](http://www.aserl.org/spring_2014_mtq/)

**d. Presentation/discussion: Work in Progress: Greater Western Library Alliance Study of Student Learning Outcomes** – Cheryl Middleton, Oregon State University  
GWLA's search for clear cause-effect relationships in this arena has proven elusive, which has created some frustration among library leaders. Complex work continues on several issues.

Cheryl's PPT slides are available at: [http://www.aserl.org/spring\\_2014\\_mtq/](http://www.aserl.org/spring_2014_mtq/)

**e. Discussion Tables:** Open-Ended Conversations with Colleagues about Emerging Topics in ASERL Libraries

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**f. Presentation/Discussion: Understanding the Collective Collection – Long-Term Impacts and Opportunities for Research Libraries.** Brian Lavoie, OCLC Research.

Over the past 10 years, OCLC Research has conducted a number of studies on the development of a “collective collection” resulting from mass digitization and cooperative print retention efforts. OCLC believes collective collections will soon be a fundamental principle of stewardship

Key findings:

- “Right-scaling Stewardship” – OCLC’s study of “mega-regional” cooperative print strategy has shown benefits from an institution perspective and a consortial perspective;
- Scale adds scope and depth. The larger the pool of materials, the greater the possibility for “rare or unique” materials as a result of measuring across the aggregated community (the long tail of the collections).
- Shifting formats (print to digital) had led to blurred boundaries – distinct content such “articles” and “monographs” are combining with data, computer models, lab notebooks, e-prints, etc.
- Stakeholder roles are also changing and creating new paths for the scholarly communication “supply chain.”
- The volume and diversity/complexity of scholarly output has increased dramatically, leading to new models for custodial responsibility – local copies of scholarly record are becoming increasingly incomplete / shared /smaller.
- Increasing specializations – With increased volumes of output, no one can collect everything, so choices emerge about who-will-collect-what.
- Cooperative infrastructure – including hardware, policies, and “trust networks” – are key components to a collective collection
- Longstanding informal networks are leading to increasingly explicit stewardship responsibilities. Data is key to support local/cooperative decision-making.

- Content is mixed/re-mixed via virtual aggregations and new forms of data/service layers

**g. Presentation: Opportunities for Enhanced Services via Webscale ILS Tools Implemented Across Libraries: A Primer for ASERL Deans & Directors –**

Marshall Breeding, former Vanderbilt librarian, technology consultant, and longtime friend of ASERL, led this session. Marshall noted the various traditional components used to manage library resources are each evolving and fragmenting for different reasons. How to bring all these elements into a coherent system, hopefully across multiple libraries, to share data, and reduce staff redundancies?

Libraries no longer heavily manage print collections; new systems will support metadata in bulk, management of electronic collections, and institutional repositories. Future systems will not be a single, integrated ILS but rather use a flexible platform, exposing data via Web Services and other APIs. This represents a more comprehensive approach to library needs, and includes ILS, ERM, Open URL resolver, and some kind of Digital Asset Management. These new systems will allow libraries to identify data that is local, regional, and consortial.

**h. Late Breaking News/Project Announcements, etc.**

1. Reciprocal Reference Pilot Project – Bonnie MacEwan and John Burger reported that there are 10 participants in the pilot. Initial goal is to determine a core collection of print reference materials for retention; that is mostly complete. An agreement will be drafted for participating Deans/Directors to sign signature.

There is also interest in identifying highly-specialized reference expertise and cooperative service. These models have proven elusive in the past – hard to say where this part of the ASERL project will lead.

2. **Deeply Rooted Digital Collection.** Stephen Cunetto (Mississippi State Univ) reported there are currently about 10-12 interested institutions serving on the steering committee. The content will focus on Agriculture and Rural History. The User Experience group has had some initial discussions, other working groups are forming. Search mechanisms in DPLA will be used to search Deeply Rooted collections. There could be costs associated with developing custom functions in DPLA. ASERL has some funds from previous projects that may be available to help fund such an expense. The committee will put out a broader call for content after further development.
3. **Update on the ARL Position Description Job Bank** – Judy Russell noted that ASERL is the first consortium to use the position bank outside of ARL. There are

approximately 222 users from 88 ARL/ASERL institutions. A Handout was provided in the meeting packet.

Judy also gave a brief update on JRNL (Journal Retention and Needs List) – a database serving the needs of both FLARE and Scholars Trust. The WEST Storage Trust Project has shown interest in joining the program and adding their records to JRNL. If this happens, JRNL will be a single record system that will include holdings from institutions from DC to the west coast.

She also reported that she is on the steering committee for HathiTrust to develop the digital repository of government information – a comprehensive collection of government publications.

4. **SHARE Update** – Tyler Walters reported on the first phase, the notification service. This will alert users when a key piece of information has been published via a Tweet or RSS. The Sloan Foundation/IMLS awarded \$1 million to develop the service architecture. A beta version of the notification system is anticipated by fall/winter and possibly with a release date for next summer.

Additional components (Notification, Registry, Discovery layer, Aggregation layer) will follow. Tyler noted the Notification system alone would not meet federal requirements, but the full system will be compliant with the regulations.

How does SHARE relate to CHORUS? CHORUS is a metadata repository developed by publishers, providing links that take users to a proprietary, paywall system. SHARE is envisioned as a network repositories – to make it easier to find materials – more of an international system.

#### **e. Other announcements / Wrap-Up**

- John announced an ASERL mini-grant on copyright/resource-sharing. This would be a first for ASERL. The mini-grant is being offered in response to the need for training and new tools for resource sharing staff regarding fair use and copyright. Current written policies are few, generated in a haphazard approach and based on CONTU rules promulgated in the 1970s. John hopes the outcome will be to develop guidelines along the lines of those of the TRLN resource sharing guidelines, based on case law.
- Innovation conference – August 14-15, 2014. Panama City Beach, FL Roy Ziegler encouraged participation in this event, sponsored by FSU & PLAN (regional network). This will be part conference, part workshop. Innovators DNA – a consulting firm – will be conducting the workshop component.

- “Save the Date” for an ACRL Scholarly Communications Roadshow: July 18th at Ole Miss. Free to participants. More info to come.
- John announced that the ASERL Fall meeting is scheduled for November 19-20, 2014. Possible sites include Atlanta, Charleston, and New Orleans.

**Adjournment.**

Lynn Sutton ended her term as President by making closing remarks, recognized retirees, and welcoming Tom McNally as incoming President. The meeting adjourned at 11:48am.