



Minutes, ASERL Annual Meeting
May 5, 2005
Georgia Tech Conference Center

1. **Welcome**

Barbara Dewey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. She congratulated Paul Gherman on receiving the 2005 Hugh Atkinson Award in recognition of his contributions to library automation and management and improvements in library services or research.

2. **Voting for 2005-2007 Board of Directors**

Members present cast their ballots. The Nominating Committee collected the ballots and retired to count them.

3. **Annual Financial Report**

Sylverna Ford presented the Annual Financial report indicating that ASERL is financially solvent and income and expenses for the year balance. As of April 26, 2005, the unobligated balance in ASERL's checking account is \$15,736.21. (The unobligated balance at this time last year was \$15,150.97.)

4. **Updates**

• **Virtual Storage Project - Paul Gherman**

CRL has already developed some clear standards and criteria for storage facilities. We will use these as a starting point for developing criteria for the ASERL storage project. Almost 50 storage facilities exist throughout the country. Next step is to submit a proposal to CLIR to develop the criteria.

A meeting is scheduled with CLIR during ALA to determine their interest in funding a project that would involve the 50 storage facilities around the country.

• **Using LOCKSS to Preserve ETDs - Paul Gherman**

Exploration of using LOCKSS to share ETDs is underway. A handout describing the requirements for doing this was distributed. In order to be a part of the project each ASERL library that wants to participate will have to join the LOCKSS Alliance. Dues are \$10,000 + for ARL libraries or just over \$5K for smaller libraries. There might be some possibility of a discount for a group of libraries joining the Alliance together.

Action: We'll take a poll of the membership to determine who might be interested in joining the Alliance.

- Institutional Repositories - John Burger
John asked members to review the list of Institutional Repositories. Let him know if any should be added. John is continuing to plan a program focusing on repositories for the fall.
- Survey: Non-MLS Training - John Burger
The survey on training for Non-MLS professionals is coming out soon. There will be one for library directors and one for potential program participants. Please encourage staff to respond.
- Virtual Reference Project - John Burger
Participants have decided to remain with QuestionPoint for now. OCLC is going to support the current software until a new version is developed in the not too distant future. They are also exploring the use of instant messaging as an alternate means of communicating with users. This may mean more work for participating libraries, as there will be 2 simultaneous systems to support. The intent is to provide better access for users.
- EResource Update - Tim Cherubini
Tim Cherubini passed out an initial offer for some electronic resources that could be acquired through ASERL. The initial 3 offers are from CQ because they were willing to negotiate.

The Collection Development Contacts list was distributed for review. Let John know about changes. Tim indicated a desire to have 1 or 2 names from each institution.

5. New Business

- Volunteers for ASERL Finance Committee - John Burger
Finance Committee volunteers - if there are others interested in serving on this committee let John know. He has some names already. The Board will appoint the committee following this meeting.
- Group Subscription to OCLC Collection Analysis Service - Doug Potts
Doug Potts from OCLC attended to talk about WCA - WorldCat Collection Analysis. WCA allows libraries to compare their collection data with other libraries. WCA is purchased via an annual subscription, users may compile data as often as desired. Reports can be generated to show many collection parameters. There are two types of WCA subscriptions: Individual and group. Individual subscribers can compare their library's data to any other group of libraries. Group subscribers can only compare to other libraries within the same group. Pricing is currently linked to OCLC symbols - institutions with multiple symbols should seek a customized price quote.

Action: Doug will provide pricing for an ASERL group subscription, plus a discounted price for ASERL libraries wishing to subscribe individually as well. Doug will offer online demonstrations for collections managers, too.

- **Other Issues**

John noted the ongoing delays in getting annual statistical information from ARL. As a result, next year ARL/ASERL members will be asked to submit their data directly to ASERL instead of waiting for it to be funneled to ASERL from ARL. It is hoped this will greatly speed up the delivery of data to members.

6. **Results of Board Elections**

John Ulmschneider, Lynn Sutton, and Jerry Stevens served on the nominating committee. Barbara Dewey thanked them for serving.

Election Results

President - Lance Query (Tulane)

At Large Members- Eileen Hitchingham (Virginia Tech) and Bill Walker (U-Miami)

7. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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