

Meeting Précis

“Thinking Bigger: Exploring strategies for North American Coordination of State and Regional Shared Print Journal Archiving Programs”

CIC Shared Print Repository, FLARE, Scholars Trust, WEST

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On October 15 and 16, 2015, representatives from four state and regional shared print journal programs met in Rosemont, Illinois to explore opportunities for national or North American collaboration. Eighteen attendees, including deans of libraries, shared print program leadership, and analysts gathered to consider the possibilities of broader collaboration. Participants specifically discussed strategies for broader collections and operations coordination, more effective and cohesive decision-support systems, shared governance and the possible scope of institutional participation in an initial implementation and future phases.

Key outcomes of this meeting included strong consensus to set milestones to achieve more, faster and better through national collaboration. While journal programs have achieved a lot in the past ten years, much more can and needs to be done to advance our collective goals of preserving print journals, providing access to shared archives and creating opportunities for libraries to reclaim space.

The state and regional programs present agreed to pursue two fundamental collection goals:

- 1) to archive significantly more titles through national coordination than are currently archived through regional coordination, and
- 2) to retain sufficient copies to ensure an agreed upon preservation standard.

A collections strategy, to be further developed, might include aspirational milestones by which we would pace our programs' individual and collective progress.

To facilitate this “scaling up,” decision-support systems infrastructure will be necessary, and it will need to not only support *outcomes* (recording or registering retention commitments), but also *workflows* (collections analysis, title list proposals, local decisions, holdings consolidation, and gap filling) in many-to-many library and storage facility relationships. To support national collaboration, an effort will be required to integrate or redevelop the current, disparate pieces of software that have been developed and/or deployed in different regional contexts.

Elements for future exploration in a planning phase include selection criteria, access terms, governance, validation standards, retention disclosure standards (cataloging metadata), discovery of retention commitments and collaboration with other entities, including CRL and OCLC (for the PAPR Registry and WorldCat.)

Participating projects for the initial planning and implementation phase are the CIC SPR, FLARE, ScholarsTrust, and WEST. Models pursued during this initial phase will be designed with the express intent of including additional programs in the future.

A fuller report about the *Thinking Bigger* meeting will be prepared in November 2015 for broader distribution to other print archives, organizations and stakeholders.

The Rosemont Group: Carrying the conversation forward to ALA Midwinter 2016

The small project team that organized the *Thinking Bigger* meeting (i.e. CIC SPR, FLARE, ScholarsTrust, WEST staff) will carry this conversation forward until ALA Midwinter 2016, with the goals of drafting a proposal for a six to eight month planning phase to create a framework for national collaboration and identifying a steering committee(s) for a planning phase. A planning phase would occur between January and August of 2016.

In honor of the location where this initial meeting was held, the project team will be referred to as “The Rosemont Group.” The Rosemont Group will host a meeting at ALA Midwinter in Boston for participating programs and selected stakeholders to review and refine the planning proposal and either identify or appoint the necessary planning committee(s).

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