



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Fall 2017 Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 29-10, 2017

Miami, Florida

Tuesday November 29, 2017

1. **Welcome / Call to Order:** ASERL President Bob Fox called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
 - Bob noted the important role Miami plays in ASERL's history – the first ASERL meeting was held here in February 1956.
 - He also recognized the retirements of Susan Nutter from North Carolina State University and Sylverna Ford at University of Memphis.
 - ASERL welcomes interim deans representing Clemson (Joyce Garner) University of Memphis (Bess Robinson), and University of Kentucky (Deirdre Scaggs).
 - We also welcomed newly-appointed deans at UNC Greensboro (Martin Halbert), UNC Chapel Hill (Elaine Westbrook), and University of Central Florida (Todd Chavez).

2. **Presentation/Discussion: Ways ASERL Libraries Can – Separately and Together – Support Digital Scholarship. Joan Lippincott, Coalition for Networked Information.**
 - See PPT -- <http://www.aserl.org/fall-2017/>
 - ASERL members want to learn more about what others are doing, as Digital scholarship can take on many forms. Space is a vital component – building a sense of community – but many other possible facets. Need to assess local needs and resources, then identify goals. Once goals are determined, we can assess how they align and how ASERL might support them.
 - Discussion tables: Funding/institution investment; Governance; Infrastructure; Communications & Outreach. Assess the spectrum of options, and local successes & challenges.
 - How can ASERL help? (vote counts set priority for action)
 - Standards and guidelines, Sharing best practices / MOUs (24 votes)
 - Assessment – Gathering stories on how faculty/students have used/benefited from digital scholarship (18 votes)
 - Assisting faculty in getting proper credit for DS works in tenure/promotion (7 votes)

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- What are the policies and what process was used to develop those policies (3 votes)
 - Sharing success stories, learn from one another (3 votes)
 - Portability of our visualization, virtual reality (3 votes)
 - Citability and snapshot of programs/projects – so people are aware of them. Includes tombstoning for end of life. (3 votes).
- Staffing – what can ASERL do? (votes are ranking of priorities)
 - Robust webinar series – dedicated webinars on digital scholarship (24 votes)
 - Visiting Program Officer position – may develop a good model for sharing expertise (13)
 - Clusters of libraries within proximity – set-up road trips, travel as a cohort. Face-to-face sharing, also taking a faculty member or academic administrator would also develop connections. Libraries serving a host sites to visitors interested in particular products/services (12)
 - Creating community (5 votes) Value of networking – bringing digital scholarship people attend an ASERL mtg (similar to the spec. collections session). Develop a community within the SE
 - Support HASTAC – coordinating activities with other organizations/initiatives
 - Create topic-specific workshops – e.g., staffing, roles. Cautionary note – just don't want librarians talking to librarians – bring in other academic departments (building coalitions). Teams of individuals – IT, Library.
 - If we could share what positions libraries are recruiting. Better way to be aware of the kinds of skills you are recruiting. Sharing job descriptions or organizational charts (9 votes)