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E-Resources Committee Minutes

October 25, 2005

Meeting #1

Illini Center – Chicago

Members attending: Kim Armstrong, Raeann Dossett, Nancy Hessler, Kathryn Miller, Jim Mouw, Mary Munroe (Board liaison) – by phone

Members absent: Kim Hale, Karen Schmidt

Staff attending: Elizabeth Clarage, David Hamilton, Tom Dorst

Summary:

The committee held its initial, organizational meeting in person. Tom Dorst and Elizabeth Clarage reviewed the history and evolution of electronic database licensing in the ICCMP and IDAL consortia. The legacy consortia employed several strategies to provide resources to member institutions, which have now been adopted by CARLI. These include the central subsidization of databases, either as one-time purchases or annual subscriptions; centrally brokering databases for institutional subscription; negotiating consortial pricing but letting subscribing institutions contract directly with vendors; and simply coordinating trials and the communication of discounts.

The committee conducted a general discussion of its role, issues with which it could or should deal, and a means of conducting the committee's business. A list of ten points was developed as an initial point of departure. [N. B. no priorities were assigned to the items on the list.]

1. The Spring brokering cycle should be begin by mid-March and earlier, if feasible. Consortial options are most useful if they can be considered as budgets are being set. Moving the cycle earlier should be a prime objective for FY 2007.
2. The committee should review offers that have been evaluated by staff on a monthly basis.
3. The committee should discuss issues of license terms and conditions, so that CARLI can negotiate the most advantageous agreements.
4. CARLI should provide member institutions with the necessary information to establish the consortium as a preferred vendor, in order to facilitate the billing process.
5. A discussion of where CARLI should go with its e-resources program in the future should be held after the FY 2007 brokering cycle begins (April was suggested).
6. A survey should conducted to identify other consortia being used by CARLI members to obtain electronic resources.
7. Other consortia that broker databases for academic libraries should be surveyed for best practices.
8. CARLI should gather and post statistical information about the resources it provided (both subsidized and brokered).
9. The committee will provide a written report to the Board of Directors monthly.
10. The committee will review its initial charge and suggest revisions to the Board.
11. The e-resources program should have a slot on future CARLI membership meetings.

Actions:

- Jim Mouw agreed to chair the committee.
- Decided to review and revise the committee charge for Board consideration.

The Group is Advisory to Tom Dorst and Elizabeth Clarage and the CARLI Board in finding and negotiating purchases of electronic resources for the CARLI consortium. The Committee will consider both resources that we broker and resources that we purchase for the consortium. You will also be advising the CARLI Board about policies and structures for the future.

- Agreed to meet monthly by conference call, with the option to meet in person twice per year, as needed. New offers will be routinely reviewed and general topics discussed.
- Between monthly meetings, the committee will conduct business via its listserv.
- Staff will put background documents on a website for the committee's use.
- Recommended that the existing licenses to broker databases negotiated by IDAL not be re-bid until after the FY 2007 selection cycle is completed.