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## Minutes of the Electronic Resources Working Group

### Conference Call

February 9, 2009

**In attendance:** Cindy Clennon, David Hamilton, Elizabeth Clarage, Laurie Sauer, Chris Sweet, Sarah Wessel, Sara Blaszcak, Linda Carlisle.

The minutes from the previous meeting, Jan. 12, 2009, were approved as written.

#### 1. Announcements

Responses to the Database Interest survey: 81 institutions (106 individuals) responded, which is a new high number in unique responses in years past only 40-60 institutions responded. Quite a few things written by respondents in the free text box are already brokered by CARLI or MLNC--Cindy contacted those individuals with information about those resources.

Cindy has also requested participation report from MLNC.

Information from the Database Interest survey will be used as input for spring selection system. Pricing should be returned from vendors March. 13. The selection system is schedule to be open mid-April, closing around end of May. Pricing for all products will be available for every institution.

SOLINET announced no price increase for Lexis Nexis Academic Universe for the next fiscal year, and will price the subscription for institutions for whichever is the lower number of FTEs, 08-09 or 09-10.

#### 2. Review of new and current proposals

(<http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/e-resources/propose/office.php>)

##### New proposals

JSTOR

Mentioned by 2-3 libraries in the interest survey. Cindy will ask JSTOR for a list of CARLI members that already have collections and what collections they have.

Adam Mathew – American West

Offer is open through the end of 2009. Libraries need to contact the vendor to find out what final pricing would be. There is some question about how a library knows what the final price will be (based on the number of participants); if a library subscribes knowing the discount is in the first tier and then later more libraries subscribe pushing you into another higher discount tier, do you get a credit or a refund for the difference? Cindy will ask the vendor for clarification about this.

##### Continuing proposals:

PBS-- Cindy does not yet have the proposal in e-form. Cindy talked about centrally hosting with Brandon

and will talk to someone (Mary) at UIUC library about this because they are already doing this. PBS can't tell us which CARLI libraries already own the digital content. There is more work to be done with this proposal.

OCLC Audio books -- Trouble connecting with the OCLC rep. Cindy is still working on this.

BizMiner – The question was put: Are we interested in pursuing this? Laurie, Sara B., Linda, Chris all said they couldn't see its application for their programs. Cindy said she would ask the company to make the offer direct to libraries with a CARLI discount included.

Palgrave Dictionary of Economics – We talked briefly about Jeffrey Archer's response. There were 13 responses to the survey that Cindy did: 8 yes, 5 no. This new offer seems to have no minimum number of participants. The product is supposed to be updated regularly, (already in Jan. there have been some updates) according to a conversation Cindy had with the vendor at ALA. Cindy will clarify frequency of updates and minimum participants, and will send out notice of the offer to the membership. There is a very short timeframe for decisions to accept the offer.

### 3. **Old business**

E-Book Symposium – The collections working group has a copy of the survey now; we asked for their feedback. Jeannette knows more about this. The survey should go out this week. Cindy may need help compiling the results.

Elizabeth reported that the planning for the event is going well. Springer rep, and Ebrary and YBP confirmed and will attend. There are 71 registrants so far.

### 4. **New business**

List of suggested new titles -- Laurie, Jeannette and Sarah returned lists; the lists are similar. We'll talk about the results of this compilation at the next meeting.

CARLI's response to the economic problems of member libraries – we would appreciate your thoughts on the following inquiry received through the CARLI RT system:

*I've looked over briefly the report produced by the CARLI Statewide Serials Collection Task Force in 2007. I wonder if there are any plans to revisit the state of serials, print and electronic, in the current economic environment. I suspect some of the member libraries may be considering cancellations. Those types of decisions might be aided by some sort of coordination so that a library that cancels can have some confidence that the title will be available in the consortium.*

*Also, are there any different approaches, again due to the economic climate, being taken in acquiring electronic resources for the consortium?*

We talked about the Task Force report--what it is (on the web site) and what the recommendations are. We also talked about the concept of a digital archives. Cindy's belief is that in these lean economic times, the prospect of developing and/or supporting digital archives is unreasonable. Cindy and David will try to assess what progress they've made with the most widely held titles. Elizabeth's collections group will do

the same thing. We should look at the report to see if there are some action items for this committee that come from the report.

Sarah Miller's SFX spreadsheet -- We discussed whether and how to make any of this data available for the Ebooks symposium. Cindy will talk more with Sarah about this.