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## Electronic Resources Working Group Minutes

July 12, 2010 – 1:30-3:00

### Conference Call

**Present:** John Blosser, Linda Carlisle, Cindy Clennon, Anita Foster, Denise Green, David Hamilton, Mary Konkel, Monica Moore, Joe Mullarkey, Christine Ross, Sandra Wenner

#### 1. Announcements

1. Welcome was extended to two new members, Mary Konkel, College of DuPage, and Monica Moore, Illinois Wesleyan University.
2. New Proposals – None this month.
3. Continuing Proposals
  1. ACM Digital Library – Not much to report on at this meeting since the ACM Digital Library, Oxford University Press journals 2010 Archive Collection, and Palgrave journals offers are in the CARLI electronic resources interest survey.
  2. BioOne and BioOne2 – John has a call scheduled with Donna Loews at BioOne to gather more information and clear up questions raised about the offer. Cindy asked John to specifically ask about BioOne's experience with working with large consortia.
  3. Intelcom – Some responded that the content was too basic, not particularly useful for levels of programming at our schools, and that some faculty were interested in only specific DVDs. Some did think it to be promising, but the price model is expensive and requires 11-14 institutions to participate.
  4. Oxford Journals – See a. above.
  5. Palgrave – See a. above.
  6. Springer – The Springer ebook content purchase offer has been extended until July 30, 2010.

After point a. above, Cindy reported that the State Library would not be renewing *Novelist*, but that the title may be on the interest survey. MLNC is now charging membership fees to participate in their database brokering. Cindy related the uncertainty of impact on database brokering procedures of the Senate Bill 51, whether or not sole source agreements could be back dated, or if all database agreements will need to be re-submitted. The new Senate Bill 51 will impact public institutions, but it is now known how it will affect private school acquisitions.

#### 4. Old Business

1. Streaming Video Symposium – The Symposium is next Thursday, July 22, 2010. So far 86 people have registered with accommodations to handle 100. It will be announced in the upcoming newsletter.
2. Review of E-Resources Survey Responses – It is expected to receive up to 100 responses. The results will be presented at the September Board meeting. The final version of results will be available after the end of next week. We wondered if there were particular aspects of interest on which to concentrate. Cindy mentioned one idea we should work on is a communication plan since it was obvious in some responses that not everyone knows what CARLI has available, or is actually proving to the members.
3. Minimum Discount – It was decided to raise the minimum discount to 15% to help balance the administrative costs of brokering offers. The discount amount, though, could be fine tuned in

accordance with the lowness of the initial price, and also used as a starting point for negotiation.

## 5. New Business

1. Communication with Membership – Working through a discussion we named several items to be covered in membership communications: especially publisher offers; current CARLI holdings available; and electronic resource contacts of the members. Are members getting what they need through the "ccg" mail list, or the newsletter? Some information could be posted at the web home page. Cindy thought we are getting to 95% of the electronic resources contacts. A reminder could be sent to all to be sure that all their electronic resources colleagues at their institutions are added to the various forms of communication. Perhaps the results of the recent survey could be sent out to show what is provided, maybe in an executive summary format. Targeted messages could be sent to specially identified segments of the membership. Are there specific questions to ask or showcase? The text responses from the survey may be a clue. One suggestion was to make the email messages easier and more inviting to read. If this Working Group has other suggestion they should send them to our ERWG list.
2. Self-Assessment – The Working Group has permission to meet in person in the Fall. We will aim for Monday September 13, 2010 at Kankakee Community College. Cindy will check on arrangements. Two topics for discussion so far are communication with the membership, and self-assessment.
3. ERWG Educational Document on Price Increases, Licenses, Authors' Rights, etc. – This document was prompted by the large increases in pricing by the Nature Publishing Group. The document will show educational institutions taking a stand on such large increases as being out of scale with the buying power of the institutions' budget. Tom Dorst is putting the document together. Cindy will ask Tom if he needs our group to contribute.
4. Sage Journals Package – John asked about the status of the Sage journals package. Talks have ensued, but Cindy pointed out that Sage is requiring participants to carry all titles that transfer over to Sage as publisher.
5. Survey – Send your thoughts on the survey to the group.

Next Meeting: August 9, 2010, 1:30-3:00