

**Annual Report  
CARLI Commercial Products Committee (CPC)  
June 2014**

**Membership**

Chris Bullock, (2013-2014), Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Chair

Susie Bossenga (2013-2016), Northeastern Illinois University  
Luann DeGreve (2013-2016), Benedictine University  
Carol Doyle (2013-2014), Northwestern University  
Tom Goetz (2013-2016), William Rainey Harper College  
Ruth Lindemann (2013-2015), Danville Area Community College  
Stephen McMinn (2013 – 2015), University of Illinois at Springfield  
Charles Uth (2013-2016), Illinois Institute of Technology

CARLI staff: Cindy Clennon, Mary Burkee

**Highlights of Activity**

**Electronic Resource Proposal Evaluations**

The CPC received seventeen new resource proposals in FY2014. Eleven proposals were rejected, four are currently pending, one proposal was entered in the selection system, and one vendor was directed to work with CARLI libraries on an individual basis.

**Usage Statistics Forum**

Following the previous year's unfortunate blizzard that interfered with a symposium on usage statistics, the CPC decided to hold a Usage Statistics Forum, along with the SFX Systems Committee and Collection Management Committee. The forum featured nine presentations from CARLI librarians covering techniques in managing and presenting usage statistics, as well as specific software involved.

**IACRL Preconference**

The CPC planned a program for IACRL's preconference on assessment. Thomas Goetz, H. Stephen McMinn and Susie Bossenga delivered "Measuring the Maelstrom: Assessment of E-Resources," a discussion of usage statistics and assessment of library collections.

**Streaming Video**

The committee completed a white paper on streaming video, including a survey of CARLI libraries. Survey responses were received from 58 libraries providing a range of

information, including their use of the Alexander Street Press Videos, other sources of streaming video content and the challenges of acquiring and utilizing this content format.

### **E-Journal Renewal Process**

The CPC advised during the negotiation of the Sage Journals agreement.

### **Aggregated Databases**

The committee reviewed requirements for the RFI document used to facilitate the renewal of the aggregated database contract. New concerns included the interaction of databases with discovery systems, particularly in light of the fact that database vendors are often discovery tool vendors as well. The committee continued to discuss what constitutes a substantial change in titles in an aggregator databases, including specific metrics and notification procedures.

### **Potential Future Activities**

- Fall or Spring Forum:
  - Feedback from past events has shown interest in deeper forms of assessment such as learning outcomes, impact on student success, and return on investment. A forum that would build on the streaming video white paper would also be a possibility
- Advise CARLI staff during the redesign process for the Selection System and usage statistics system.
- A review of CARLI licensing principles was intended to be completed in this fiscal year, and would still be beneficial.
- The group could examine how CARLI could aid member libraries in collection development or management for Open Access resources.