

ARC Steering Committee Minutes
April 1, 2009
Salter College

Present: Gwen Arthur, Clark University; Irena Bond, MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Christine Clayton, Worcester Art Museum; Bob Foley, Fitchburg State; Barbara Ingrassia, UMass Med; Tracey Leger-Hornby, WPI; Mott Linn, Clark University; Louise Motta, Salter College; Carolyn Noah, CMRLS; Linda Oldach, Mt. Wachusett; Anne Pound, Quinsigamond Community College; Ruth Pyne, Anna Maria College; Karen Reilly, Holy Cross; Nancy Singleton, Holy Cross.

Vice Chair/Secretary Gwen Arthur convened the meeting in Jim Douglas' absence. She thanked Louise Motta of Salter College for hosting us.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2009:

The minutes were approved with the correction to the attendance: Bob Foley was not present.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND INTEREST GROUPS:

- * Communications AG: Nothing to report.
- * Governance AG: Nothing to report.
- * Professional Development AG: A workshop about wikis is planned for May 13.
- * Collection Management IG: This IG will meet April 8 at Assumption College.
- * Reference/Information Literacy IG:
From Christine Drew: The IG met on March 6, with the topic: "Next Generation Research Guides." There is a report from that meeting on the ARC info literacy blog.

New officers:

Chair: Sara Marks of FSC

Secretary: Ellen Madigan Pratt of MWCC

Ideas for programs:

- K-12 librarians, teachers and how they teach info literacy
- Use of federated searching in teaching info literacy
- The Future of reference collections and weeding (CMRLS will host a workshop on weeding on date May 19.)

* Customer Service IG: A postponed program on using clicker technology to train student workers will be held at Assumption on April 15.

* Archives/Special Collections IG:

From Mott Linn:

New officers:

Chair: Ellen More of UMMS

Secretary: Kristine Reinhard of UMMS

Liaison to ARC: Mott Linn

OLD BUSINESS:

Currently subscribed databases:

Tracey Leger-Hornby of WPI led the discussion. She cleaned up a January 2009 list to create a spreadsheet:

- Eliminated extra lines
- Standardized category abbreviations
- Created a pivot table by subject and school

To update and edit our individual library's holdings:

1. Sort EXCEL spreadsheet by school
2. Choose a date to "freeze" the list.
 - a. (Bob Foley reported that MCCLPHEI uses April 1 and October 1)
 - b. **NOTE: In discussion, ARC chose to list database holdings as of July 1, 2009. (Delete and add titles as necessary. A-Z and TurnItIn can be included.)**
3. Update vendor, start/stop dates
4. Send updated version to Tracey **by May 27**
5. Tracey will cut and paste to create the updated master spreadsheet
6. ARC Steering Comm will discuss this at its meeting on **June 3**

Thanks to Tracey for her work on the master spreadsheet, and for her explanation of pivot tables.

Discussion of options to negotiate better prices as a group:

Vendors want to know "what's in it for them?" A "single invoice for a group" does not attract them. "Bringing in new customers" is the key. There is "strength in numbers."

Consortia to consider working with/ARC members are working with:

NERCOMP
NELINET
WALDO
MCCLPHEI

(Some handle billing/tracking/delivery for the group members; some are individual subscriptions.)

We aren't likely to be subscribing to new databases, so can we get a better price for our existing databases? Arnold Hirshon of NELINET says that is unlikely. However, he would be happy to meet with the ARC Steering Comm to discuss. NELINET could review the ARC master list, do an analysis, handle the negotiations with vendors. This could save ARC libraries time. If we asked NELINET to do this, we would need to commit to subscribing through NELINET—no shopping around.

The group decided to invite Arnold Hirshon to an ARC Steering Comm meeting in the near future.

WorldCat continuation/Draft ARC costs 2010:

A chart of "ARC Proposed Costs 'FY10 (as of 3/26/09) was distributed by Carolyn Noah. She explained that the formula used for FY09 was used for FY10. Lexis-Nexis Academic will continue to be provided to ARC libraries by CMRLS for FY10; availability for FY11 is dependent on the next state budget.

Any changes to the "proposed costs" for any individual library would probably be due to a change in the number of Cross Borrowing Cards ordered by that library.

The group present voted to accept the "ARC Proposed Costs FY10" as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Slate of Officers for 2010:

Gwen Arthur (Clark University) will become Chair as of September 1, 2009.

Louise Motta (Salter College) volunteered to serve as Vice Chair/Secretary, effective September 1, 2009.

Annual Meeting June 3:

This year's meeting will be held at the Massachusetts Military Archive and Museum.

Order of the day:

- 1:00 Steering Comm meeting
- 2:00 Annual Social for staff members of ARC libraries: tour, refreshments

A pdf invitation will be sent to the ARC-I list. RSVP requested.

Carpooling will be recommended as parking may be limited.

Refreshments will be covered by the Flex Fund.

CMRLS NEWS:

* A State-wide meeting was held recently at Holy Cross. A goal was to create a vision, combine resources, consolidate, streamline. "One System, One Card" for libraries in public institutions was discussed. The idea of Open Source ILS and a state-sponsored pilot project was also mentioned. The consensus of the ARC directors who attended was that there were many ideas shared, but no conclusions/no direction. No committee(s) formed. A strong mandate/urgency will be required to "take action." The MBLC will probably have to form committees and task forces to address these ideas.

* The present Virtual Catalog is not functioning well. MA residents expect that their privileges extend to all libraries—including those in private institutions. Of course there are issues of costs and licensing. It was noted that OhioLINK has extended beyond public institutions to include the privates.

* CMRLS workshops are ongoing.

* Finances for FY10 are being reviewed; there is no news to report.

* Legislative Day for MA libraries is April 2 in Boston. The CMRLS bus is full.

* There is frequent hiring of new staff for the CMRLS delivery sorting/packing.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* UMass Med will host a professional development day for area librarians on May 13. Topic: "Exploring Stem Cell Research: What's in it for Librarians?"

* WPI is embarking on a two-year renovation project.

* Carolyn Noah announced that Lucy Gangone began work as the new director at WPL on March 30.

* The Friends of CMRLS will host an event on May 15 at Holy Cross: "The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians through Film."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ingrassia
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