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Summary of the Regional Depositories Governing Council Meeting, April 28, 2011

Attendance:  Jim Bracken, Kent State University  Paul Kobulnicky, Youngstown State Univ
   Sara Bushong, Bowling Green State Univ  Beth Layton, NEOUCOM
   Anita Cook, OhioLINK  John Magill, OhioLINK
   Carol Diedrichs, Ohio State University  Jan Maxwell, Ohio University
   Johnny Jackson, Central State University  Glenda Thornton, Cleveland State Univ
   Cheryl Kern-Simirenko, University of Akron  Karen Wilhoit, Wright State University
   Laura Kinner, University of Toledo

Judith Sessions who chairs the meeting is out ill today, so Anita ran the meeting. Since there were new people attending, the meeting started with a round of introductions.

Anita asked if there were any questions remaining about the Capital funds that were released in May of 2010. A memo was sent out previously announcing the date the funds were disbursed (May 14, 2010). Sara asked if any additional funds had been released for capital improvements and the answer was, no, no new Capital funds have been appropriated.

The Preservation Policy for Serials was discussed at length and several revisions offered. It was decided that Anita would re-draft the policy and submit it to the email list for final approval. It was pointed out the CRL had received a copy of the policy and had only one minor revision to add concerning how frequently the policy would be reviewed and who would approve revisions. This has been added to the end of the document. Some discussion took place on the need to train depository staff on preservation methods. It was thought that a preservation officer from one of the participating schools could take this on. OhioLINK will investigate how this could be done and make the arrangements.

Karen talked about the on-going 2nd pilot of the de-duplication project. They are over half through the JSTOR Arts & Sciences IV list of titles and she expects them to done with this project by the end of June. Karen has agreed, as long as her Director approves, to stay on as coordinator for this project. It was discussed what journal titles should next be tackled for de-duplication and it was decided that since we have the backfiles for Elsevier, we should select those titles for de-duplication. Since this list of titles numbers over 2400 titles, it is expected that this project will take a bit of time to complete.

The proposed new formula for distributing operating funds to the depositories was discussed and not approved for implementation. It was thought the formula unfairly hit some depositories with significant decreases. Instead, the budget for next year will be based on what was distributed last year minus the 2.5% cut in funds. The additional $200,000 that OhioLINK distributes will be disbursed once again the same as last year (with no 2.5% decrease).
The list of equipment needed at the depositories as proposed by the depository managers was discussed. This equipment could be purchased out of the extra discretionary funds that OhioLINK has for one time purchases. It was discussed that in line with the Preservation Policy that equipment, such as book scanners, might need to be purchased to meet the requirements of the policy. It was decided that OhioLINK would conduct an inventory of equipment and software that the depositories currently have before any equipment purchases are made.

Jim Bracken then reported on the progress of the Northeast Depository Shared Catalog project. Both Kent State and NEOUCOM have been completely loaded to the Shared Catalog and their records on OCLC converted so that PCIRC and interlibrary loan requests are coming directly to the depository and not through the local campuses. Cleveland State has de-contributed their records from the Central Catalog but currently have a problem with loading their records to the Shared Catalog so their records are not yet appearing in the Shared Catalog. Innovative is working on this issue and it is hoped that it will be resolved shortly. In the meantime, Youngstown State has begun (as of April 28th) to begin de-contributing their records from the Central Catalog and will load their records to the Shared Catalog once Cleveland State is loaded. Interlibrary loan issues have been identified and the Northeast Depository library directors are discussing the options and will be making decisions shortly on reciprocal borrowing and charges for non-reciprocal libraries. Anita gave a quick demonstration of the Shared Catalog and how the records are displaying in the Central Catalog.

It was asked how often do we need to meet either virtually or in person. The group felt that every other month was appropriate and that we should do only occasional meetings in person with most meetings being by conference call. Anita will send out a Doodle poll for a conference call meeting for the June time frame.

Another topic raised was the notion of starting a conversation around how do we bring in the rest of the OhioLINK membership into the depository system. It was thought that OhioLINK needed to start conversations around building a model of how this could happen. This would be a system where equitable contributions could be made towards a common goal. The meeting was adjourned.