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Summary of the Regional Depositories Governing Council Conference Call, November 2, 2012

Attendance:

Belinda Barr, Miami University  
Jim Bracken, Kent State University  
Sara Bushong, Bowling Green State Univ.  
Anita Cook, OhioLINK  
Gwen Evans, OhioLINK  
Marty Jenkins, Wright State University  
Laura Kinner, Univ of Toledo  
Scott Seaman, Ohio University  
Karla Strieb, Ohio State University  
Glenda Thornton, Cleveland State Univ  
Jeff Trimble, Youngstown State Univ

Sara Bushong opened the conference call asking if there were any additional agenda items. Sara suggested two: 1) are the conference calls frequent enough and 2) revising the Preservation Policy on Serials. We have been holding conference calls close to a quarterly basis as is called for in the council charge. Anita will attempt to schedule them further in advance so to avoid the scheduling problems we been having lately. On the Preservation Policy on Serials, Anita will work on a revised draft that can be shared with the group.

There was much discussion on the Regional Depositories Serials De-Duping Principles document. It was clarified that this was a document of principles that all depositories would commit to regardless of their participation in the OHDEP catalog. The possible exception would be Ohio State which is committed to participate in the CIC de-duplication effort. It was decided to add the word “print” to the title to specify that we are talking about print copies of journals and not microforms. Each section was then discussed at length. The group decided to take out any wording dealing with retaining more than one copy. That for the foreseeable future, we will focus on retaining only one copy of a print journal. This is in recognition of the availability of these journals in other libraries and repositories around the country and that, if they so choose, a library may retain an additional copy. Other wording changes were discussed and it was decided that Anita and Sara would work on re-drafting the document with the wording changes that were suggested.

OhioLINK’s operating budget for fiscal years 2014/2015 will be flat. We did request an extra $200,000 to be included in the operating budget for the depositories, but this request was denied and that budget will also be flat. Because of general inflation, flat budgets will necessitate a close scrutiny of OhioLINK’s budget and whether we will be able to continue the subsidy to the depositories at current levels. More about this will be known as we get through 2013.

The Northeast Depository group formed an OHDEP catalog maintenance group back in the spring which the other three libraries (Wright, Toledo, and Bowling Green) were asked to join. Several things have been ongoing since that group met to discuss cleanup issues. First, the OHDEP catalog is undergoing a refresh with OCLC which has so far cleared up over 7,000 duplicate bib records. Also, the group has agreed to add holdings statements to the OHDEP catalog based on the MARC21 standard. These holdings statements will then be contributed to OCLC so that ILL loan requests to the three depositories will be...
accurate to the holdings level. The group is also looking at cleaning up the XLink records. These are item records that attach to more than one bib record for bound-with volumes. Though some of these records were successfully loaded during initial loads, this process did not successfully load them all and cleanup work is needed.

The council charge calls for the annual election of a chair of the Regional Depositories Governing Council. This new term of office begins in January of each year. Given the shortness of time and the lack of quorum of voting members, it was decided to call for nominations to elect a new chair by email.