Summary of the Regional Depositories Governing Council Conference Call

Attendance:

Belinda Barr, Miami University  
Colleen Boff, Bowling Green State Univ.  
Jim Bracken, Kent State University  
Sara Bushong, Bowling Green State Univ.  
Jerome Conley, Miami University  
Anita Cook, OhioLINK  
Gwen Evans, OhioLINK  

Dan Gottlieb, Univ. of Cincinnati  
Laura Kinner, Univ of Toledo  
Beth Layton, NEOMED  
Phyllis O’Connor, Univ. of Akron  
Scott Seaman, Ohio University  
Karla Strieb, Ohio State University

The first agenda item was the finalizing of the “Regional Depositories Print Serials De-duping Principles” document. A question was raised regarding whether this document applied to all depositories participating in the de-duping process or only to the 8 OHDEP libraries. It was agreed that it applied to all depositories who participated in the de-duping process. Karla reminded the group that OSU had requested a statement be added as a footnote to the document indicating OSU’s participation in other de-duping processes besides OhioLINK. Anita will make sure that statement is in the next draft. It was proposed that 3 a. and b. were really procedural items and not principles and should not be part of the document. Also, it was decided to change the word “principles” to “guidelines”. Anita will create a new version to be shared on the email list for final approval.

A de-duping procedures document has been created by the depository managers. This document will be updated with the new coding procedures and then shared with the Regional Depository Governing Council for their review.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the revised “Preservation Policy for Serials Contained in the Ohio Regional Library Depositories”. It was suggested that the document reflect the original approval date and then revision date. A question was raised about item 2 under Standards and Guidelines about whether this suggested practice was standard in all the depositories. Though there may not be appropriate scanners in all the depositories, the staff are trained in preservation practices. It was also suggested that in item 3, that the abbreviation “HDI” be spelled out. Anita will redraft the document and put it to the email list for final review.

The group then reviewed the revised “Regional Depositories Governing Council Charge”. Many revisions were suggested including combining the 2nd and 3rd bullet points under “Specific Responsibilities”, changing the word “principles” to “guidelines” wherever it appeared in the document, and adding a statement under “Specific Responsibilities” that indicated that this group reviews recommendations made by the depository taskforces and subcommittees. Anita will re-write the document and post to the email list for final approval.
Agenda item number 4 requested approval from the group to participate in a national standard by coding the 583 fields in the MARC records sent to OCLC that a particular journal copy was being retained after the de-duping process is completed. It was decided to write up this participation as a policy statement that then could be approved by the group. Anita will draft the statement. The actual coding procedure will be run by the depository cataloging subcommittee for their review and comments.

The group then did a quick review of the documentation provided by OCLC Research comparing Hathi Trust holdings with the holdings in two depositories, the Northeast and the Northwest. The group found the data very interesting and thought that it went a long way towards recommending OhioLINK pursue a Hathi Trust membership. Gwen indicated that she had requested additional data from OCLC that would indicate which titles were held in the depositories but not held in Hathi Trust. This would indicate which titles should be pursued for digitizing.

Anita will send survey link out shortly to schedule the next conference call.