September 22, 2014

Summary of the Regional Depositories Governing Council Conference Call

Attendance:

Belinda Barr, Miami University  Phyllis O’Connor, University of Akron
Jim Bracken, Kent State University  Scott Seaman, Ohio University
Sara Bushong, Bowling Green State Univ.  Sheila Shellabarger, Wright State Univ
Jerome Conley, Miami University  Carolin Sterling, Central State Univ
Anita Cook, OhioLINK  Karen Wilhoit, Wright State Univ
Marcia King-Blanford, Univ. of Toledo

Marcia King-Blanford opened the meeting with a review of the summary from last conference call in June. No changes were proposed, so the summary was approved. This was followed by a discussion of the Elsevier deduplication project. Anita indicated that we were now working the fourth list of Elsevier titles, and since these titles tended to have fewer volumes, the process was moving a bit faster. Anita proposed that we may not want to stick strictly with Elsevier titles since the ones with large number of volumes have already been deduplicated and what was left were titles with smaller runs. That we might be better off moving to a list of titles with large runs in the depositories no matter the publisher. Anita will produce a sample list of titles and share with this group to get an idea of what we are talking about.

So far, 101 Elsevier titles have been processed with a total of 7,296 linear feet being freed up. This breaks down by depository as follows.

Northeast: 2,230 linear feet
Northwest: 1,816 linear feet
Southeast: 786 linear feet
Southwest: 2,464 linear feet

Not all of the volumes for the 101 titles have been withdrawn yet, so the average linear feet gained per title would be higher. Right now it is around 72 linear feet per title on average.

Anita indicated that Gwen has submitted Fiscal 2016/2017 operating budgets proposals. The instructions from the Board of Regents were to submit two budgets, one at a 10% cut and one as flat. There are two separate budget proposals, one for OhioLINK and one for the
depositories. So far the $200,000 subsidy to the depositories from the OhioLINK budget remains, but if OhioLINK suffers a 10% cut, this will have to be looked at. Gwen is also submitting a justification letter to Charles See (the Vice Chancellor at the Board of Regents that Gwen reports to) to increase our budgets beyond flat. This will provide the opportunity to at least make our case for an increase.

Anita will be retiring September 30, 2014. The Resource Sharing and Print Management position which would become the liaison for this group as well as the depository managers was advertised and we interviewed two candidates. An offer was made to one of the candidates but was turned down. OhioLINK will wait six months and review the need for this position. In the meantime, Anita will be coming back to work part time for OhioLINK in December and part of her duties will be serving as liaison to the depository managers and this group. For the October and November time frame, Amy Pawlowski will serve as the liaison to this group and Emily Flynn will liaison with the depository managers.

Anita reminded everyone that it will be time to elect a chair of this group by the next meeting. Term of office is for one year, starting in January. Duties are light including working with Anita to set agendas and running the quarterly meetings. If you are interested in being chair, contact Amy Pawlowski (apawlowski@ohiolink.edu).

Anita will send out a Doodle Poll to schedule the next meeting of this group.