May 7, 2015

Summary of the Regional Depositories Governing Council Conference Call

Attendance:

Sara Bushong, Bowling Green State Univ.  Phyllis O’Connor, Univ. of Akron
Jerome Conley, Miami University        Amy Pawlowski, OhioLINK
Anita Cook, OhioLINK                  Belinda Riley, Miami University
Carol Diedrichs, Ohio State University Theda Schwing, OhioLINK
Gwen Evans, OhioLINK                  Scott Seaman, Ohio University
Dan Gottlieb, Univ. of Cincinnati      Carolin Sterling, Central State University
Marcia King-Blanford, Univ. of Toledo  Jeff Trimble, Youngstown State Univ.
Melanie McGurr, NEOMED                Karen Wilhoit, Wright State University

Marcia King-Blanford opened the meeting after a quorum was established. Anita was asked to review the current Elsevier de-duping statistics with the group. To date, 132 titles have been de-duped (out of a possible 3,000) with a total of 8,197 linear feet regained in the 4 depositories. This breaks down as the following.

Northeast  2,333 linear feet
Northwest  1,942 linear feet
Southeast  786 linear feet
Southwest  3,136 linear feet

This is the end of the Elsevier titles for the time being. We have instead switched our focus to the titles with the most volumes in the depositories regardless of publisher. A list of first 15 titles was shared with this group in February. The process per title is expected to take longer as there are more volumes to verify, but the total space saved should increase significantly. Ohio State has committed to participating in the deduping process for those titles not committed to CIC or have not already been deduped.

Next on the Agenda was the discussion of the 2016/2017 operating budgets now before the legislature for approval. So far, the operating budget for the depositories remains flat. The OhioLINK budget went into the legislature with a slight increase but this was stripped out in the House Budget committee. It is hoped that it is re-inserted in the Senate discussions. OhioLINK’s ability to provide extra support to the depositories through the services such as supporting the ILLiad and OHDEP systems is being strained as well as subsidizing the depositories operating budgets by $200,000 annually. Much discussion ensued on what impacts on the depositories there would be if OhioLINK had to shift these funds out of its operating budget back to the depositories. For the time being, these funds are still being reserved for the depositories including the $12,000 needed to support ILLiad. But if OhioLINK fails to get its increase for the next budget cycle, this may come back to the table. Gwen...
suggested that the $200,000 not be taken away all at once but instead be slowly reduced over time to lessen the strain on the depositories. This will continued to be discussed into the new budget year.

In the meantime, we will soon be dealing with Capital Requests. Gwen needs the depositories to review their Capital needs as soon as possible and submit them so she can begin to strategize for these requests. Anita will send out the standard submittal Excel form to standardize the process. Sara asked if we have update previous submissions as to what had been completed and what was still outstanding. Anita indicated that she will gather the information necessary and update these forms. In the meantime, she will work with the depository managers and the directors to get the new requests formulated.

Gwen indicated that she has hired Liz Bishoff Consultants to work on a storage study this summer. The consultants will analyzing Ohio’s depository system, talking with depository library directors and managers, and holding an in-person meeting to finalize a report due this fall. Gwen will share the project proposal with this group. She needs this project completed before the Capital budget request goes in this fall. It will be used to fortify a request for a new module for the OSU depository.

After a quick discussion, it was decided unanimously that Marcia King-Blanford would remain as chair of this group for the time being.