

Meeting notes from Regional Meeting in Washington, DC

- Meeting was held Tues., 10/16/07, 7-9 p.m.
- Regionals will have access to the CGP Z39.50 connection soon (and GPO can then access our catalogs to harvest records too)
- Regarding recon: There is a batch holding problem with batch loads (inaccurate holdings); how do you clarify holdings to OCLC?
- Item numbers began in 1940s.
- Jennie will keep investigating OCLC option (for series-oriented batch loads) and will report back to Regional-L.
- With recon there are concerns with the level of cataloging and available cataloging copy, but there is also the sense that the record elements necessary for user retrieval are minimal.
- Regionals discussed drafting guidelines for leaving the system (particularly for a Regional shift/drop).
- A working group of Regional librarians will draft a policy; REGIL will send it to GPO for consideration after discussion at Regionals' Spring meeting. The working group (Dan Barkley, Kathy Hale, John Phillips, Jeff Bullington, Arlene Weible), led by Ann Sanders, will draft the guidelines for both Selectives and Regionals for discussion at the Spring meeting in KC.
- Short update on other Regional efforts: Ann Marie Sanders: concern over folks following in Detroit's footsteps--that is leaving the Regional status, but continuing as a Selective; Tim Byrne: Denver Public looking at dropping Regional status; Arlene Weible: shared Regional developing in Oregon; Sandra McAninch: ASERL is continuing to look at how they can improve services and provide more effective access to the Regional depository collections in this 10-state region--they are starting with a survey to begin comparing their collections.
- Public access assessments may involve more work for Regionals (in the form of more visits). The assessments provide a framework for discussion for on-site visits.
- GPO may create a certificate acknowledging good work, which is useful for PR and reassurance.
- The GWLA tech report pilot project has worked through the NBS Monograph series and selections of the CEX, HASL, LF, and RIB series from AEC. Materials are on the TRAIL website: <http://digicoll.manoa.hawaii.edu/techreports/>
The project has reached ongoing project status at this point and participating libraries are being asked to contribute \$4000.
- OSTI has had negotiations with Google for digitizing their materials but has reached a stalemate. Google has approached nearly every federal agency (especially those agencies producing technical reports), and most have turned Google down.
- Because many agencies are looking at possible ways to digitize their older technical reports, GWLA will focus on orphan agencies. The Bureau of Mines Bulletin series is next (and will probably be tackled in 2-3 months).
- University of Michigan offered to host the project (but will allow only page by page access). GWLA is in negotiations with Michigan now.
- Regionals discussed procedures for revising and passing a new state plan .
- Two new members of REGIL (class of 2010) are Stephanie Braunstein (LSU) and Herrick Heitman (WA State Lib.); the class of 2007 departing members consists of Jan Swanbeck, Kathy Hale and Patrick Ragains; ex-officio members are discussion list owner/administrator, Geoff Swindells, and webmistress, Ann Marie Sanders.
- REGIL will need to solicit volunteers for each meeting to be timekeeper and note taker.