

**State University Libraries  
Electronic Collections Subcommittee  
Annual Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Day One  
September 18, 2007**

Attendees:

Sarah Philips, UNF  
Lynn Shay, UWF  
Michele Crump, UF  
Eleanor Lomax, FAU, ERS Chair  
Anjana Bhatt, FGCU  
Athena Hoepfner, UCF  
Amy Buhler, UF-Med  
Linda Sobey, FAMU-Law  
Janet Reinke, FIU-Law  
Rita Cauce, FIU  
Brenda Wright, FAMU  
Monica Metz-Wiseman, USF  
Claire Dygert, FCLA  
Natalee Hattig, FSU  
Carolyn Klatt, FSU-Med  
Michelle Newberry, FCLA

Guests:

Michael Arthur, UCF  
Jeannette Ward, UCF  
Helen Wigersma, UWF, CPC Chair  
Roy Ziegler, FSU

The meeting was convened at 10:40 a.m. by Eleanor Lomax, SUL ERS chair.

1. Roll call was conducted.
2. Changes/Additions to the Agenda  
Request to add IOP backfiles and OUP Journals to agenda.
3. Announcements  
There were no announcements.
4. Approval of August meeting minutes.  
The August meeting minutes were approved.
5. Gale  
Thomson Gale – Anne Clark, Vice President of Sales & Tracie Lee, Account Executive,  
Academic Library Sales

Reviewed purchase of databases and savings to SUL's. Represents a huge savings to SUL's.  
Reviewed list of databases available along with benefit of State Library additions.  
Gale fees for the SUL's are divided between new content added to archive and access fees for new content.

Benefits of our license:

- Significant savings
- Unique contract that no other customer is able to duplicate
- FCLA can locally load and access content if Gale would no longer exist.
- FCLA owns backfiles of directories that other customers will purchase.
- Committed to keeping costs down.
- SUL's have grown 42,000 since 2000 and Gale has never increased renewal costs.

Relationship to Florida State Library:

Updated their periodical package to Academic OneFile for all public, K12, and academic libraries with the understanding that FCLA would continue with their current contract.  
State Library contract is a five year agreement.

Advantages of OneFile through State Library:

- Largest active full text periodical database with the fewest number of embargoed titles
- 8,000 peer reviewed titles
- Cross searchable with ebooks
- Full text of NYT to 1995
- More than 700 full text CINAHL titles available through Academic OneFile. More than 400 of these cannot be found in the EBSCO's databases
- Full collection of Springer and Blackwell's abstracts and the Elsevier abstracts for all journals to 1996

Gale PowerPack included in Academic OneFile

Business and Company ASAP  
Business Economics and Theory  
Communications and Mass Media  
Computer Database  
Criminal Justice Collection  
Diversity Studies Collection  
Pop Culture Collections  
Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine  
Psychology Collection  
Tourism, Hospitality and Leisure  
Religion and Philosophy  
Etc.

See Gale web page for entire list.

In 2003 Gale provided FCLA with the option of ebooks at no charge in response to concerns to Gale Ready Reference Shelf interface.  
FCLA chooses new Gale Virtual Reference titles each year in November.

When will we cut over to Gale Directory Library? We need to make a decision between the credit for more titles on GVRL and moving to the new Gale Directory Library. If we were to

drop the subscription to the Gale directories we have perpetual rights to content. We will lose access through the Gale platform but we can locally load it.

Webinars will be scheduled for Gale Directory Library, see Gale site.

Literature Resource Center 4.0, major enhancements.

- Limit by publication
- How to Cite feature supports citation export tools
- Multiple options for sorting and filtering results
- Tab for literary works and primary materials

November 15, 2007 is the drop dead date for implementation.

2007 Offer

- British Historical Newspapers
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Newspaper Collection
- Times Digital Archives 1785-1985
- Nursing Research Center
- Demographics Now

**Action item:**

The ERS will need to make this decision between getting more titles on GVRL and moving to the Gale Directory Library.

**Additional information and action items requested of Gale:**

1. Gale will check on what was sourced for the Center for Research Libraries.
2. What is the technological infrastructure that ensures 24 x7? Gale will respond to this question.
3. How far do newspapers go back? What is the start date?
4. Springer and Blackwell indexing, Are there any enhancements that Gale brings to this indexing?
5. Will provide links for Power packs
6. Will review statistics for OneFile
7. Will provide link for webinar on Gale Directories.
8. Ask tech support why we see system error messages for heavy use of GVRL titles

6. ProQuest

ProQuest – Kim Robinson, Director, South/Mid-Atlantic Region & Sandy Schulman, Senior Account Executive

In the midst of transition of the merger, ProQuest and CSA. Both have research oriented content. It has been a relatively smooth merger. Begun to connect ProQuest full text with CSA indexing. All product lines are under one account representative with the exception of

the microfilm, RefWorks, COS, Serials Solutions, and the Bowker products. John Baudassi now has Mississippi and the Carolinas as his territory. Sandy Schulman will be the rep for Florida for ProQuest, Safari, Chadwyck Healey, SIRS, Historical Newspapers, and CSA. Willy Syed is the RefWorks rep for Florida.

The CSA, ProQuest, and Chadwyck Healey brands will remain and will maintain their identity. Biggest hurdle will be the behind the scenes technological systems and merging them. Eventually there may not be three different platforms. For the present we will receive invoices from both CSA and ProQuest. ProQuest will try to extend consortial pricing for mini-SUL groups similar to what CSA could extend to us.

### **Information items and action items requested of ProQuest**

1. New extended content offer for subject collections.
2. Review and fix database menus to simplify what is presented to users, especially for the dissertations.
3. To let FCLA know what ProQuest products are subscribed to and owned by the SUL's.

#### 7. IOP:

There is interest in the IOP backfiles (UF, UCF, USF, FAMU) but no money. There is concern that IOP has shifted from a relatively cost effective model to one that is cost prohibitive.

#### **Action item:**

Request that IOP provide use statistics by year and explore whether pay-per-view is an option.

#### 8. EBSCO:

EBSCO – Sam Brooks, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing - presenter  
Louis Sooklal, Regional Sales Manager- FL, GA, AL  
Brian Duncan, Senior Director of Sales

Presented a comprehensive comparison of the EBSCO databases against the Wilson, Gale, and ProQuest databases held by the SUL's. Benefits of the EBSCO package as identified by vendor:

- Less duplication among titles if there is one vendor versus three, EBSCO never charges twice for the same journal, even if it appears in more than one database
- Offer would increase full text collection for SUL's
- Improve linking from A & I to full text
- Offers unique titles not held by other vendors
- Content is of higher academic quality
- High quality abstracts and bibliographic records
- 79% of content is in native PDF allowing for sharper images, smaller size downloads

Sam Brooks provided the group with an explanation and comparison of embargoes. Some titles he pointed out are embargoed indefinitely. Some publishers leave the aggregators completely. A current example is Sage withdrawing content from EBSCO, Gale, Wilson, and ProQuest.

Future EBSCO initiatives:

- Clustering of results; will support company, geography, industry codes, age, gender, publication type
- Pulling out images and graphs similar to Illustrata
- Search interface that is modeled after Google

9. The ERS then discussed the EBSCO offer. Unfortunately, EBSCO did not factor in the purchase we have made of the Gale content, the variety of content that we hold such as what is found in the Literature Resource Center, such as Contemporary Authors, nor the expenditures of EBSCO databases at the local level. The ERS discussed identifying a subset of our collection for a possible switch to EBSCO. No consensus was reached.

The ERS next discussed reducing the RLG Databases under subscription given that these databases are shifting to OCLC. OCLC has informed FCLA that our pricing is currently low and we should anticipate a 10% increase in prices. Following discussion, the ERS agreed to cancel:

SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sales Catalog  
Index to 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Art Periodicals  
Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies

**Action item:**

Claire will explore where all RLG databases are offered and obtain price quotes. The ERS can then compare platforms and price information and move to a more desirable platforms where appropriate.

The ERS next discussed any additional cancellations. Due to low use the ERS recommended the cancellation of:

Contemporary Women's Issues  
B & I and TableBase  
African American Biographical Database

The ERS discussed potential cancellation of Wilson databases with no consensus.

The ERS then proceeded to explore any possible reductions to the CSA package, any changes to Dissertations Abstracts, again with no consensus,

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by  
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