

FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE  
STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES INTEREST GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 24, 2004

Submitted by Steve Fuquay, Chair

The meeting opened with the announcement by Acting Chair Steve Fuquay that Chair Vivian Royster of FAMU had resigned and moved out of state during the year, and he had assumed the duties of the Chair position.

Following a brief discussion of the duties of the Group officers, including whether a Group secretary should be elected, James Michael of USF was elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect for 2004-5, with added responsibility for taking Group minutes at the 2005 meeting. There was also discussion of the future meeting time of the Group, with the consensus that the Group should meet at future conferences on the same day as the Academic Libraries Interest Group, but at a time not to conflict with the College Center for Library Automation's LINCC User Forum.

Technical Services Planning Committee update (Allison Howard, USF)

The migration of the Phase I libraries to ALEPH has preoccupied the attention of the committee, and will likely do so during Phase I implementation. Staffing of subcommittees will occur, but probably following the completion of Phase I. The ALEPH Indexing Task Force is still at work with FCLA, and once the issues it is dealing with have been settled, added concerns such as authority control will be addressed.

Public Services Planning Committee update (Carol Turner, UF)

Members communicated by conference calls during the year. A new Chair/Chair Elect will be elected at the fall meeting. The Distance Learning Subcommittee has been discontinued. Much of the committees' activity has been related to ALEPH. The OPAC Subcommittee is at work, and a new list serve has been started. There is a task force at work on issues involving SFX and Metalib. The system name "Rosetta" which was coined a few years ago will be discontinued. The library directors have been asked to look at the issue of fines, with local fines possibly to be set by local institutions. Questions have been added to the LIBQUAL survey, to assess users' ability to navigate library web pages as well as their knowledge of multimedia and services.

Electronic Collections Committee update (Monica Metz-Wiseman, USF)

FCLA is providing critical work and support for the state university libraries. It seems that "EEC" is coming to stand for "Eternal Change Committee." PsychInfo and ERIC are moving from local load to a commercial platform, and away from a library-designed interface in Webluis. Users are unhappy with this change. The engineering index Compendix is also moving from mainframe to commercial platform.

#### Collection Management Committee update (John Ingram, UF)

The CMC has been in existence for 18 months. It oversees management of the collections for the eleven institutions in collaboration with Kluwer, Wiley and Elsevier, in an “electronic only” environment. However, a “dim archive” of paper is available if needed. The public appears satisfied with this arrangement. Operations with Elsevier remain a “challenge,” although the contract with them is OK through 2005. A special collections task force has been approved by the directors to report to the CMC. John Ingram will be involved in the contract renegotiation with Elsevier.

#### Digital Projects Planning Committee update (Elaine Henjum, FCLA)

There is a new PALMM homepage, and a PALMM collections poster has been sent to every library in the state. Progress continues to be made in the areas of the Florida Heritage Fund, Pilot Digital Audiovisual, and digital content review, with regard to new technical capabilities: textual and visual collections continue to be upgraded, become more user-friendly, and supplemented with JPEG 2000 support. A grant from the State Library has been received (the participants are PALMM, Jacksonville University and the State Library working with other institutions) to investigate a prototype digital collections catalog.

#### FCLA update (Michele Newberry)

Michele Newberry provided an extensive review of FCLA’s activities in the areas of SFX/Metalib and ALEPH implementation, of which some of the highlights follow. In the area of OPAC decisions, there will be ten individual bibliographic files. There will eventually be a SUL ALEPH union catalog combining all of the university bib records into one physical file. The interim SUL union catalog will exist through Metalib. The twenty-eight CCLA institutions will have a union catalog. There will also be a “GUC” (Giant Union Catalog) using Metalib as search tool, of both FCLA and CCLA institutions.

Progress in ALEPH implementation was reported as follows. Version 15.5 has been installed on all servers, and all servers upgraded to Oracle 9. ALEPH testing has been taking place at UF, and UNF and UWF loads will begin soon. Functional testing and training is ongoing. Testing continues on staff permissions, data loader, web page configuration and stress performance testing. The STP date for UF is set for May 3, with the other Phase I libraries following in June and July.