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Since the last quarterly report was dated May 31, 2006, this report covers activity from June 2006 through February 2007. Conference calls were held on June 6, July 11, Dec. 5, 2006 and Feb. 1, 2007.

Much of the CAGER discourse during this period centered upon the Metadata Summit. In preparation for this summit, three members of CAGER joined members of DDAC as the Metadata Summit Planning Committee, chaired by Naomi Young. The Metadata Summit was held at the University of Central Florida in Orlando on November 15-16, 2006. The outcome of that meeting has already been given the Metadata Summit Report, dated December 1, 2006.

The future of the LTQF database was discussed. Important considerations included how the database is used, the need for authority work, and the relative merits of Aleph vs. DigiTool for PALMM projects. Discussions at the Metadata Summit led to a strong consensus that creation of an Aleph library was needed to allow for authority control and global change capabilities. CAGER expectations that PALMM would be accessed via presentation software using data from multiple sources was supported by the Metadata Summit's recommendation of Endeca as a common user interface for the SUL catalogs, PALMM and other digital projects.

CONSER has had concerns that OCLC was actively deleting reproduction information from serial records. A recent document addresses this, though it has not yet been adopted. *Guidance for Cataloging Locally Digitized Resources* (at <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~rd13/CIC/Guidance.html> ) prompted CAGER discussion of implications for PALMM. In particular, use of the "dlr" code in the 042 of the record means that the cataloging institution agrees to maintain the digital object. In a cooperative venture such as PALMM, discussions will need to be held with the participants about the conditions for making such a commitment.

CAGER members continue to monitor and discuss Endeca developments, particularly how Endeca uses various aspects of controlled vocabulary to allow users to refine search results.

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