

TSPC Conference Call Minutes
February 7, 2008
2:00 – 3:20 p.m. Eastern

Attendees

Emmett Denny (FAMU); Linda Sobey (FAMU-Law); Janice Donahue, Teresa Abaid, Deb Hoban, Helen Laurence (FAU); Donna Alsbury, Ellen Bishop, Daniel Cromwell, Josh Greben, Jean Phillips (FCLA); Catherine Gardiner (FGCU); Sue Wartzok, Elaine Winske (FIU); Amy Weiss, Libby Fairley, Charles McElroy, Dongqing Xie, Ruth Ziegler (FSU); Pat Bingham-Harper (FSU-Law); Tom Tharrington (NC); Jeannette Ward (UCF); Betsy Simpson, Jason Fleming, Priscilla Williams (UF); Cecilia Botero (UF-HSC); Jean Bostwick (UF-Law); Verna Urbanski, Linda Smith, Vicki Stanton (UNF); Susan Jane Heron (USF); Allison Howard (USF-HSC); Dan North, Bob Sun (UWF).

The agenda and the January 31, 2008 minutes were approved.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Dan North's offer to serve as chair for the rest of 2008 to succeed Ya'aqov Ziso was agreed upon by all. Sue Wartzok was nominated for vice-chair. She will agree to this if the Authorities Subcommittee can find a new co-chair to replace her. TSPC will forward the recommendations to CSUL before their next meeting in March.

OPAC Visioning Summit

Nancy Cunningham sent out a summary of the evaluations, most of which were very positive. It is very likely that another summit will be held next year. A taskforce will send an executive summary to the directors for their March meeting, and a full report will then be written with action recommendations. Everything is being posted on the OPAC summit swiki and Dan will send information on accessing it.

Reports

The CSUL will meet March 13-14, 2008, and expects reports to be submitted by March 1st. TSPC needs to submit quarterly reports and an action plan by that date. The action plan needs to be more specific and direct than the previous drafts. Dan North, Susan Heron, and Betsy Simpson volunteered to work on writing the action report.

Authorities Subcommittee Action Plan

TSPC discussed what the Authorities Subcommittee might include in its action plan. FCLA is trying to get the dev18 client ready by the end of February. Index testing and new functionality testing can't begin until it is available. When the authority files are current, there will be an opportunity to review the current indexing in staff mode and the OPAC. Staff can search keyword index in browse mode. There may be special indexes that can be built. Will name/title and 100/240 indexes be possible? Jean Phillips said that ARC does not include authority data; it's mostly acquisitions and circulation information. Donna asked for input on providing new authority reports through the data warehouse.

Possibilities for the action plan:

- Revise current indexing structure prior to indexes being regenerated following the Aleph v18 upgrade.
- Test new functionality in v18.
- Review Aleph reports to decide what needs to be improved, and provide suggestions for authority reports to be added through the data warehouse.

Another goal that was mentioned is what can be centralized in the maintenance of authority work. It was decided that this is probably premature and can be looked at again after re-indexing. It was suggested that TSPC look at one record models again, before thinking of centralized maintenance.

The committee discussed authorities' part versus TSPC's part in indexing. Dan suggested reviving the separate indexing taskforce. It was mentioned that there had been one but it had been disbanded.

TSPC Action Plan

Following up on discussion at the OPAC summit, TSPC decided it should make a recommendation to CSUL directors to work with FCLA and the OPAC Subcommittee to improve the frequency of updates in Endeca, currently only every four days, to their action plan. Josh said there may be limitations to how often updates can be done. They're not instantaneous and take at least several hours. Susan will write this up as an objective and send it to the list. FCLA would like TSPC's priorities and guidelines about what's most important. Which updates should be made as soon as possible – bib records, functionality, holdings information? Dan noted that FCLA had originally hoped to provide daily updating of all information in Endeca after all the libraries had migrated, and that the goal should be to update Endeca as speedily as possible across all functionalities.

Should TSPC include all action plan objectives in a single list and assign them to the subcommittees instead of each doing its own action plan?

Possible action plan items:

- TSPC should work with FCLA and the OPAC Subcommittee toward updating Endeca as frequently as is practicable.
- Investigate one record OPACs.
- Participate in cleanup activity that will improve faceting; cost estimation is necessary.
- Prioritize the list of proposed GenLoad improvements for FCLA and work with FCLA on future enhancements.
- Work with PSPC on recommendations for next generation OPAC. (This complements the analogous item in the PSPC's action plan).
- Continue to research ARC product.
- Continue involvement in data warehouse project.

- Participate in the planning for the state remote storage repository. TSPC will at least want to discuss what it entails for Technical Services.

Emmett is on the statewide storage facility committee, a taskforce for the directors, and will serve as our TSPC liaison and report back.

Future agenda item: Have a discussion on strengths and weaknesses of GenLoad and Aleph loaders.

Metadata Subcommittee Action Plan

Metadata has also talked about indexing problems. Emmett will contact Kim Montgomery and find out what Ya'aqov sent her. Digitization, metadata and DLU01 are items that they will continue to discuss. They will have a broader item list due to the change in scope since CAGER evolved into Metadata.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 at 2:00 EST, to continue working on our reports for the directors.

Submitted by Catherine Gardiner