

TSPC Conference Call Minutes March 8, 2006

1. Attendance and introductions; volunteer to take the minutes. UWF Dan North (chair), Lynn Shay (guest); FAMU Emmett Denny and Linda Sobey from FAMU Law; UF Martha Hruska, Jason Fleming (guest), Priscilla Williams, Jean Bostwick-UF LIC, Cecilia Botero-UF Health; UNF John Hein; UCF Jeannette Ward; FAU Janice Donahue, Maria Berenbaum, Teresa Abaid; FIU Sue Wartzok, Nancy Hershoff (guest) Jeffrey Bowen-FIU Law; USF Susan Heron; FGCU Catherine Gardiner; FCLA Mary Ann O'Daniel, Daniel Cromwell, Ellen Bishop, Michele Newberry
2. Announcements: Dan made two grammatical corrections to the latest quarterly report and they have been posted on the TSPC web page. Dan reminded everyone to post or update their member info on the TSPC web page. Also, Jason Fleming of UF will be joining us for the progress report on Internet conferencing technology for TSPC events (see # 6 below).
3. Subcommittee reports: See the quarterly reports submitted to the Directors for their March 9, 2006 meeting.

Authorities: Cataloging/Authority summit tentatively set for late November at UCF. The loading of subject authority data in Aleph will be up to date as of Monday March 13. Next in line will be series and titles. Mary Ann will also begin looking at loading MeSH.

4. Interinstitutional access to each other's catalogs – update: the SUL guest profile is not yet ready for everyone. Dan is testing permissions in the guest user profile developed by Daniel after the November joint meeting. Most things are working, except for permissions in Serials and in displaying the invoice payment amount for a title in an order record in Acquisitions.
5. EDI – updates: UF serials invoicing with Ebsco, Harrassowitz and have been successful. Waiting for real monograph invoice to test. UF was able to load object codes into the last Harrassowitz load based on spreadsheets created by Jason. This was necessary because the codes aren't loading in the course of the normal load. Ellen will work with anyone interested in getting their object codes updated in this manner. There was a question about the ability to load supplementary invoices. UF confirmed that it is loading supplementary invoices. For YBP, confirmation records are loading for approval records, but invoices are being hand keyed. YBP doesn't supply EDI invoice information for monographs at this point with orders placed through GOBI. They are able to load order and encumber, but not do any invoicing.
6. TSPC priorities for 2006 – updates

SWIKI: A lot of information has been posted already, including documentation on Aleph versions 16, 17, and 18, various training and "how-to" documents, and other material. There is now a link from the TSPC web page. Mary Ann will update the ALEPH version 18 documentation.

ERM and Verde task force recommendation: no new update.

OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis project (CPC): A thorough report by Helen Wigtersma, the project coordinator, was sent to the Directors for their March 9 meeting and Dan shared it with the TSPC.

Technology / Internet conferencing products: A small group consisting of Dan, Jason and Cecilia are investigating different products. Jason gave a report on progress to date. He has put together a PowerPoint about the ones explored thus far, see:

www.uflib.ufl.edu/acqlic/tc/conference/videoconferencingproducts.ppt

Some of the products tested have been good, but bidirectional audio and other features have sometimes been difficult. A list of standards and functionalities desired has been developed and will be posted on the SWIKI. Call for volunteers that would like to work with this small group. Send suggestions of products you run across. We are looking for a cost effective way to communicate that could be used by other committees as well. Continue investigating and report next meeting.

7. Metadata and Cataloging summit meeting with the DDAC (Susan Heron)
Metadata summit idea not ready. The DDAC is working on the SFX/Metalib summit first. Next fall may be the best time to schedule the Metadata summit. Martha asked that we all survey our institutions about what they would like as an outcome of such a summit if one were available and bring our ideas for discussion at the next conference call meeting.
8. Slow loading of indexes and dataloads in Aleph (Martha Hruska): USF using native Aleph loader, the question is has that been faster. Daniel noted that GenLoad indexing is prioritized ahead of the Aleph loader, so wouldn't be faster. The problem is indexing, not actually loading. Are other people having problems with slow loading? Looks like it's basically a UF problem and it's because of the size of the database. FCLA suggested that perhaps scheduling dataloads to run at different times could help even out the workload on the computer. Will pursue asking other large universities if they are experiencing the same thing. Harvard seems to be having the same problem even on version 17, will confirm.
9. LTQF and digital catalog / (Martha Hruska): UF is going to try and load the LTQF records into the UF catalog. Otherwise would have to wait for an ALEPH QF, but this would not allow a combined view if it's in a separate catalog. The only way to make it an integrated search is to load the records into each individual catalog. Loading them into the local catalog is a local decision; if you don't want them you don't have to have them. Once all libraries have migrated FCLA will be moving QF to ALEPH, but that is independent from loading these records into the individual catalogs. Everyone will have to check the ALEPH QF to see what's in the queue for digitizing. Also what you see in your own catalog will be for retrieval, but not for catalog maintenance. Based on permissions and OWN fields, maintenance will still take place in the QF file.

Union catalog options: The only kind of union catalog ALEPH can provide is one that would require loading all records from each institution into a physical catalog making it a physical union catalog rather than virtual one. The FCLA initially accepted this option based on the possibility of universal borrowing. SUNY was testing this possibility, but were not able to make it work. FCLA is currently looking at alternatives to a physical union catalog. MetaLib is a possibility to achieve a virtual union catalog. Another is the Florida State Library project called Florida Electronic Catalog. Part of that project is a group catalog in OCLC called Florida Catalog. It allows us to search what's available throughout the state and can be limited to state universities. This is currently available.

Next meeting May 3 at 1:30 pm. FIU will have been up in ALEPH for 3 days.

