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M. Clark reported on the Coutts contract which is being evaluated during a one year extension. At a recent meeting Kevin Gostlow, Exec. Vice President at Coutts talked about better service. He explained that Coutts had experienced a great deal of difficulties in their system conversion during the summer and book orders were consequently delayed. However, he said that their service was back to normal now. Coutts now has a new interactive web site (http://www.coutts-ls.com) which will allow for ordering and status checking.

Promotional discounts are available as advertised on-line. Marsha Clark suggested that we e-mail her names of the people who should be alerted of the promotions.

Mr. Gostlow agreed to postpone to November the increase in service charge for books where the discount to Coutts is 19% or less. It was suggested that we should contact Coutts first to negotiate discounts before ordering very expensive items.

It was suggested that Coutts give a demonstration of the web site when it is completely working, probably during the Spring Roundtable meeting.

Thanks to Liborio, the UNIX problem at Lehman is finally fixed. The non-transfer problem was caused by old computer hardware. Libraries wanting to use UNIX are advised to change their old computers to new PCs (supporting Windows NT) before installing UNIX.

P. Young introduced Roland Samieske, a new staff member at CUNY Central Library Services.

P. Young talked about and handed out a list of the various types of QuikReports that are available. The Council of Chief Librarians Task Force will be compiling a list of priority reports.

Carol Gee will serve as the chair for one more year.

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