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LACUNY Serials Roundtable Meeting Minutes, December 2008

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Minutes of CUNY+ Serials Committee/Serials Roundtable
Thursday Dec. 4, 2008

Attendees: Monica Berger (NY); Barbara Bonous-Smith (QB); Sally Bowdoin (BC); Dean Bryan (BH); Lisa Finder (HC); Jane Fitzpatrick (GC); Laurel Franklin (CC); Dolores Grande (JJ); Nancy Macomber (CL); Grace-Ellen McCrann (CC); Phyllis Niles (BM); Roberta Pike (KB); Olga Snaider (BH); Jennifer Tang (HO); Hope Young (YO); Mike Waldman (BB)

Olga began the meeting by introducing Dean Bryan.

EBSCO invoices have been loaded for 6 libraries; Olga demonstrated how to retrieve error messages attached to these invoices.

Sally Bowdoin brought up the problem of expected arrival dates being automatically generated when serial item records are created. (We have since learned from Pat Young that this problem began with Version 16, was fixed, but then "unfixed" when a new service pack was loaded. The problem cannot be fixed at this time.)

Dean Bryan discussed the suggestion by the Council of Chief Librarians concerning the reorganization of ALEPH committees - instead of having one representative from each library the committees would be limited to five or six members. The consensus was against such a reduction in membership, citing lack of communication, the usefulness of these committees in learning what colleagues are doing, and the relative infrequency of meetings. Among the suggestions was combining the ALEPH committee and its corresponding Roundtable. Dean Bryan has prepared an interim report on the topic; anyone wishing to receive a copy should email him directly. He also mentioned that there have been suggestions for additional committees, such as resource sharing and system librarians.

The commitments and expenditures report is now being run by Susan Bercaw. All questions regarding this report should be sent directly to her (Susan.Bercaw@domino1.cuny.edu).

A question was raised about Serials Solutions records and whether and when they were updated, particularly in regard to subject headings. Dolores Grande will email examples to Olga.

It was mentioned that ALEPH does not always follow ALA standards in regard to abbreviations, or capitalization, and that "fall" is preferable to "autumn" in the use of patterns. These changes can be made in the tables. A list of suggestions will be compiled and sent to Olga.

Monica Berger raised the question of having program meetings, possibly with outside speakers, devoted to specific topics such as serials cataloging, problem patterns, etc. She will email the group asking for suggestions on possible topics. She also suggested that librarians attending NASIG or other national meetings make reports to the group.

EBSCO
Susan O'Leary and Leslie Lloyd explained the many changes to EBSCONet. E-journals and e-journal packages, as well as additional reports, are constantly being added.

Order activation and registration has been available for about five weeks. EJS will disappear in the spring. Durable URL's will continue to work, although package URL's may change. Smart linking through EBSCOHost will remain.

Susan gave a demo on "rapid renewal," which is now available for Springer, Sage, and Taylor and Francis. It will eventually be available for other publishers, including Wiley next year.

Susan also explained EBSCO's new ERM Essentials, now in beta testing, and expected to be available by April, with the likelihood of a demo by the beginning of the year. The system will be pre-populated with data, containing 150 fields, which can be suppressed as desired, and financial information for all titles ordered through EBSCO. (Dean Bryan said that the RFP for a CUNY ERM is now with the legal department.)

Implementation of ARC has been rescheduled for February.

The spring meeting of the ALEPH serials committee and Roundtable will be held on March 19, 2009.

(In a message on Dec. 8th, in regard to the bindery, Marsha Clark said that the HF Group has been selected, but the university is still in the process of getting this new contract registered with the State, and that the old contract will be in effect until February 22, 2009.)

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