DIGOR Meeting Minutes

Spring 2010

Friday, April 30, 2010

10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Oregon State Library, Salem

In attendance:

Arlene Weible, OSL

Carol Drost, Willamette University

Claudia Weston, PSU

Heather Pitts, OSL

Jey Wann, OSL

Julie Christerson, Pacific University

Kate McGann, OSL

Liz Paulus, Cedar Mill Community library

Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, OSL

Tina Kay, Bonneville Power Administration

Valery King, OSU

**Agenda**

Business Meeting - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lunch - 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Tour – State Archives 1:30 – 3:00 PM

**Welcome and Introductions – Jey Wann**

The meeting came to order at 10:30 am.

The minutes of the last meeting in October were approved with one update (name spelling change.)

**Membership and Treasurer’s Reports - Jey**

Membership report: 22 members as of 4/30/2010

Treasurer's Report: As of March 31, our bank balance was $1,039.36

With no OLA conference, there has been much less activity than usual.

**Officers**

Due to the passing of Ted Smith in December, we are without a chair-elect, and the election cycle was altered by the lack of a state conference this year. Jey will check into any issues regarding the round table bylaws to accommodate officer elections.

To fill current vacancies, Jey volunteered to repeat as chair for the remainder of the term and was elected by acclamation. Valery is nominated and was elected as chair-elect. Liz offered to continue serving as Secretary, was elected by acclamation of the group and will serve for an additional year.

**Federal Depository Report – Arlene Weible**

Regarding the Depository Library Council meeting held in Buffalo April 26 through the 28th, Arlene reports that there were no Oregon representatives at the meeting, but that the virtual conference (including blogging and other online components) were well done and worth reviewing. She commented that one issue to “keep on your radar” is GPO’s interest in changing the document disposal process, including a new interpretation that may allow libraries to sell discarded documents rather than destroy them after they are offered. More information about GPO’s proposals can be found on the FDLP web site:

http://fdlp.gov/outreach/184/668-dispositionofdepositorymaterials

She also reported that there was discussion of migration to the new PURLZ service for a more robust architecture for permanent URL management for FDLP Desktop and related sites.

Conference proceedings and other materials are available at [www.fdlp.gov](http://www.fdlp.gov) – conference archive: <http://bit.ly/dojD2N>. Live blogging of plenary sessions archived at <http://freegovinfo.info/node/2975> and commentary <http://freegovinfo.info/node/2971>.

**ORBIS pre-1976 project**

Julie Christerson of Pacific University reported on recent work by the Collaborative Technical Services Team (CTST) of the ORBIS Cascade Alliance. One project focuses on collaborative identification and cataloging of pre-1976 federal documents.

More information about the team’s projects and membership are available at: http://www.orbiscascade.org/index/ctst

She described recent research on current methods and ongoing conversion projects elsewhere, including conversations with Lori Hall of GPO regarding conversion of brief records from the shelf list of over 600,000 items and review of the Catalog of Federal Documents. She offered samples of records and discussed use of the 955 field for conversion. The team also reviewed earlier conversion work done elsewhere, including a 1990s project at the University of Oregon.

Arlene says that an assumption in this project is that much of these records might already have full OCLC records available for linking. Julie reported that University of Washington has been going ahead with retrospective cataloging of their collections, and they're almost done. The question is how to avoid lots of original cataloging on old documents and look for opportunities for collaboration, marketing of record sets to others and other ideas. One commented that options for doing enrichment of records distributed across a lot of different institutions can be powerful.

There was a brief conversation regarding what other members recalled about similar efforts around Oregon and how they relate to WorldCAT Local (current interface for Alliance members’ catalog). It was noted that because of various issues, federal document local holdings records were not included in the main conversion from Summit to WorldCAT Local.

Julie is looking for ways to publicize and promote the work of this project. Recent news items can be helpful including the April 16th, 2010 AL article on changes at the FDLP which specially mentioned pre-1976 records (Link: <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/04162010/fixing-federal-depository-library-program>).

For a pilot project, the NTIS microfiche was mentioned as a possible focus. Librarians from Portland State, Oregon State, Pacific University and the Bonneville Power Administration would be interested in such records; some materials have already been weeded (Pacific) and BPA reports that data migration to MARC is in progress at the Department of Energy libraries. Arlene commented that perhaps other consortia around the country are doing similar work, and suggested contacting members of TRAIL regarding digitization of federal technical reports (link: http://www.crl.edu/grn/trail/ ).

A final report on TRAIL and digitization efforts is slated for presentation at the October DLC meeting in October 2010.

**State Depository Report**

There have been staff changes, including the retirement of cataloger, Karen Harts, and the shift of Sarah Cunningham to role of cataloger. There will be a short hiatus in Oregon document shipments during the transition.

The state is revising administrative rules for repositories (OAR 543 - Division 70 State Documents Depository Program) to reflect changes, including

-- Western Oregon University Library exit from the depository program

-- Expansion and clarification of what constitutes “records” in a “catalog” (section 2(c))

-- Clarification of the scope, in regards to the definition of “ephemeral” (5 (e))

Proposed revisions will be done in concert with the October 2010 State Library Board meeting.

**Essential State Documents**

Jey reported that she hopes to get back to this project this year and update the 2005 Essential State Documents list to reflect digital aspects of the Oregon Documents Depository program. Arlene commented that this would be a great thing to be able to offer to Oregon libraries, perhaps creating a MARC record set for easy loading into local library catalogs for better access to state documents.

**OLA Quarterly Issue**

Jey is serving on the committee editing the next issue. DIGOR last “did” an issue in 2006 which was edited by Valery. A short discussion produced a few ideas like a focus in maps and cartographic information; transitions in government information (regional efforts here and elsewhere in the West) with recruiting contributions from out of state.

**Continuing education**

Suggestions for programs around upcoming Census data releases were listed; may depend on location of next meeting (Southern Oregon?) Offering a program for the SSD conference or SOLC later in the year would be a good idea, perhaps “Census 101”. More discussion needed; Arlene volunteered to follow up on these ideas.

**DIGOR Mailing List**

Arlene reported that due to changes at the University of Oregon, the DIGOR mailing will need to move to a new server. The state library will take over hosting, with Arlene as list administrator. There will more news later this summer regarding the transition.

**DIGOR History**

Jey reminded the group that as a part of OLA, we are required to manage the archives of our group. With Ted Smith’s passing, the archive files needed to find a new home. The Round Table has a long history which predates its current association with OLA. It was proposed that a task force be gathered to create a lasting record of activities of the group. The question was asked: isn’t there some document already in existence, whether an article in the DIGOR *Documentum* newsletter or OLA Quarterly? Arlene recalled a possible article from the mid-1990s (1995 or 1996)? That would offer a place to start.

**Next Meeting Date and Location**

Meeting location will be determined later depending on date. Mid- to late-October would be a good time to follow the next DLC and Southern Oregon Library Conference.

Submitted October 14, 2010 by Liz Paulus, Secretary