

Archway Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2009
Jefferson College

Attendees: Jill Nissen (STLCOP - Chair), Jean Rose (SCC), Stephanie Tolson (SCC), Kelly Mitchell (SCC), Sheila Ouellette (STLCC), Carol Bennett (STLCC), Kirsten Young-Abotsi (STLCC), Abby Deshane (STLCC-W), Lisa Farrell (ECC), Kathy Schlump (ECC), Linda Bigelow (Jefferson), Lisa Wolfe (Jefferson), Loretta Ponzar (Jefferson), Fran Stumpf (Guest)

Jill called the meeting to order. The agenda and the minutes of the January 16, 2009 meeting were approved as presented. Introductions were made around the table.

Discussion Items

Table of Contents from 970s –Carol Bennett

Carol showed how a Table of Contents from 970s displays in our catalog -- a box within another box. Some other institutions and clusters have one box or no boxes. For example, the Merlin cluster has no box, and Truman State University has one box. It was the consensus of the group that Archway should have one box around the table of contents. Carol will contact MCO to see if the outer box could be removed.

Authorizations Reserved for MCO staff – Carol Bennett

Carol attended a Site Coordinator training and came back with a list of Millennium authorizations that are reserved for MCO staff. Some staff at Archway libraries do hold many of these authorizations; a few staff have blanket authorizations. Committee members agreed to look into this at their own libraries. One of the authorizations, #340, is for looking at INN-Reach reports in Millennium. Since a few of the libraries do look at INN-Reach reports in Millennium as opposed to looking at them on the MCO website, Kirsten will inquire as to why this authorization should be reserved for MCO staff.

Local URL in INNReach Catalog – Carol Bennett

Carol gave a summary of Innovative's Local URL product as investigated by the MCDAC committee and the erstwhile MCAG committee. In the union catalog, this product would allow the 856 field to display in the bib. record for freely available or purchased statewide electronic resources, and the 956 to display in institutional holdings for electronic resources that are paid for by that institution. There are some technical issues that Carol believes can be solved. MCDAC is asking for feedback from the clusters as to whether they would like MOBIUS to purchase this product. Archway Steering Committee members stated that they are interested, but without cost information, they can't really make a determination as to whether they would like MOBIUS to purchase the product.

Advisory Committees' Structure & New Members/Alternates – Jill Nissen

At the request of the MOBIUS Executive Committee, two MOBIUS advisory committees, MCAG and MERAC, have been dissolved, and all clusters must start fresh and pick eight new committee members and alternates for the remaining committees of MAAC, MACPAC, MCDAC, and MCMAC. Kirsten will submit the following names to MCO before the deadline of May 30, 2009.

MAAC -- Roger Thomas (Member), Lisa Wolfe (Alternate)
MACPAC -- Lisa Farrell (Member), Kelly Mitchell (Alternate)
MCDAC -- Jean Rose (Member), Carol Bennett (Alternate)
MCMAC -- Theresa Flett (Member), Kathy Schlump (Alternate)

EBSCO and MOBIUS – Jill Nissen

Jill expressed the feeling, shared by the smaller institutions in the cluster, that the end of MOREnet's five-year contract with EBSCO and the impending switch to a contract with Gale is a hardship for her institution. There was a discussion including advice about negotiating, hope that the consortium could work something out with EBSCO, and a statement that the cost difference outweighed other factors considered by the committee that looked at the two vendors' offerings.

IUG Conference Reports – Jean Rose, Kirsten Young-Abotsi

Jean and Kirsten attended the IUG conference in Anaheim, CA, May 18-20. See attached reports. Both attended sessions on Print Templates. Archway agreed to have Kirsten put in the call to turn Print Templates on for Archway.

Meeting Calendar for 2009-2010 – Jill Nissen

The dates were set as follows.

August 28, 2009 – STLCC-Wildwood
November 13, 2009 – ECC
February 19, 2010 – STLCC-Forest Park
May 21, 2010 – SCC

Installation of New Committee Chair for 2009-2010 – Jill

The new committee chair for 2009-2010 will be Stephanie Tolson. She assumes the office July 1, 2009.

Committee Reports

MAAC (Access Advisory Committee) – Bonnie/Jill

No report.

MACPAC (Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee) – Lisa/Kelly

With the conference right around the corner, Lisa reported she is really looking forward to hearing the keynote speaker Michael Stephens, that there will be door prizes given at lunch, and that all advisory committee members who attend the conference are encouraged to attend the orientation at 11 a.m. There has been a session added on Gale resources – the last session of the day.

MCAG (Coordinators Advisory Group) – Kathy/Kirsten

MCAG is now defunct.

MCDAC (Catalog Design Advisory Committee) – Carol/Jean

Carol reported that MCDAC met March 13. They discussed the Local URL product and changes in the INNReach catalog (problems with analytics and the sort by date function were fixed). They expanded the charge of the subcommittee for re-profiling authority profiles to also updating a December 2000 document: Policy on Authority Control for MOBIUS. Carol reported that a MOBIUS Redesign Task Force has been formed and that the Executive Committee also wants the task force to look at maintenance and updates to cluster WebPACs. MCO is revisiting an earlier idea to let clusters maintain their own WebPACs, as it is time consuming and there is a backlog of requests. The suppression of the Request This Item button when no items are requestable was discussed at this meeting.

MCMAC (Collection Management Advisory Committee) – Stephanie/June
MCMAC did not meet.

MERAC (Electronic Resources Advisory Committee) – Sue/Jill
MERAC is now defunct.

ArchTech – Carol/Jean
No report.

ArchPub
No report.

Open Logs

Kirsten reported open logs for *Sort by Year (MCO-014361)*, *Brief Citation Token (MCO-013794)*, and *Date or Title Sort after Keyword Search (MCO-012446)*. Sort by Year is a known issue, the other two are at III.

The meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirsten Young-Abotsi

2009 IUG CONFERENCE

The keynote speaker was Dr. Michael B. Johnson from Pixar. His stated topic was being digital in an analog world. His speech was really more "How Pixar Makes a Movie". Dr. Johnson was a good speaker and gave a fun presentation.

INN-Reach

I went to a session on INN-Reach. The presenter mentioned a new pass through feature. When you do a search and get the screen that basically says "This is where your results would be", the pass through button has been added after that statement. In other words, you'd get the "Search MOBIUS button".

Release 2009

III is changing the way that they send out releases. III will put out Releases 2009A and 2009B this year. 2009A is due out soon (possibly June 1 or 8). 2009A will be mostly "fixes". Release 2009B is scheduled for a late Fall release. Release 2009B will showcase new features including ballot winning enhancements requested by IUG.

Material Bookings

Kirsten & I attended a session on Material Bookings. Since SCC uses Materials Booking and is in the process of implementing self booking, this session was interesting to me. SCC/Archway self-booking is now available on the test server <http://archway.missouri.edu:2082/> if you would like to take a look. We'd like to make self booking "live" this summer and see if it causes any problems for the rest of the Archway institutions before we advertise it as a service in the Fall.

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2009 IUG Conference Report for Archway

The keynote speech with Michael Johnson of Pixar was a highlight. He talked about their work culture of constructive criticism and had many funny quotes, e.g.

- Regarding the emotional impact of criticism: “Pain is temporary. ‘Suck’ is forever.”
- To an animator who after a critique session didn’t know what to do next, the director said: “Do something, so we can change it.”

The right way to give criticism: point out a problem, propose a solution, and do it while they can still fix it.

Majax – Mashing Millennium into web pages. Cool, you can make widgets for web pages that would give live information (for example circ. status), BUT Majax is restricted to the same domain (e.g. that would be archway.edu for us); Majax 2 can be in your own domain, but would require an Apache server.

Playing with Matches: Using Regular Expressions in Create Lists. This guy won the IUG “Beacon” award for being a shining star on the list serv and having discovered this method for getting more out of create lists. Regular expressions can find patterns rather than specific values. Carol loves this stuff. I can get the ten page handout for you if you want to see what it’s about.

Holds, Circulation Parameters, and More: Making Changes Confidently. Not well paced. He spent time at the beginning talking about the importance of using hierarchy in location codes (which Archway does very well), and other things that applied more to people who were just implementing III. The stuff I wanted to know about was crammed in at the very end.

Using Web Management Reports for Work Measurement and Assessment. One of the best I attended. Ben Kline from U of Cincinnati, senior library associate specialist in circulation. They are using a combination of Web Management Reports (new for monthly stats, old for hourly stats) and a form with tic marks to measure questions/activity at the circ. desk. From this they have determined peak busy times and days, types of questions and patrons at different times to help with staffing. They are using Web Management reports to determine priority areas for shelf-reading, which cuts down on missing items. They have developed a “Services Around Campus” web page based on what questions people at the circ. desk constantly answer – where do I get change, what computer labs are open, etc.

LibraryThing for Libraries. LibraryThing is a bookish social networking site. Claremont Colleges is using it for their next generation catalog. LibraryThing for Libraries adds “similar books,” “tags,” and if you like, lets patrons write reviews of books in your catalog. Typically, academic libraries have about a 56% overlap with LibraryThing. The librarians have to send a review file of 020 and 245 of holdings quarterly for LibraryThing to load. Low initial cost, based on annual circulation, and perhaps no ongoing cost. Record e.g. <http://blais.claremont.edu/record=b3212732~S0>

Print Templates: have been created to address a wish list for printing in Millennium including more control over layout, using logos, different outputs for various branches, etc. They can currently be used for spine labels, routing slips, purchase orders, and paging slips (with scannable barcodes). You use a third party free software (Jasper iReport), to format the printouts. In Release 2009b, they will also include circ. notices, monograph and serials claims. They can be turned on for the cluster but they don’t have to be used, and they won’t affect current printing. Once turned on, they are enabled on a login by

login basis. I recommend, and I think Jean will concur, that we go ahead and turn them on. MCO has training now and then.

CSS: Beyond the Code. A very good session about troubleshooting CSS, the style sheet code that controls formatting on web pages. The woman said "I am not a CSS expert, but I play one at my library." This was a good refresher for me since I had taken an online course in CSS.

Discovery Path to Electronic Resources – Where do patrons start: was an infomercial for ERM, Encore, WebBridge, Research Pro, and Pathfinder Pro.

Why Keyword Matters. With today's navigation, large retrieval sets are good – this is opposed to the usual (old-fashioned?) notion of precision in searching. Searchers can use navigation to drill down. She advocated a single search box as front end, rather than having the patron choose the type of search, e.g. Georgetown Law's Encore front end. <http://discover.ll.georgetown.edu/iii/encore/app> . Also advocates chapter title signals and other improvements to keyword searches.

If you want more information on any of these sessions, e-mail kryoung@stlcc.edu.

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