

MERAC Minutes

March 23, 2005

Meeting held via videoconference

Attendees: Jill Nissen (Archway), Sheila Ouellette (Archway), Lucia D'Agostino (Arthur), Melissa Belvadi (Bridges), Karl Suhr (Galahad), Dan McGurk (Lance), Terry Austin (MCO), Susan McCormack (MCO), Ronda Whithaus (Merlin), Mary Slater (Quest), Lynn Cline (SWAN), Christy Zimmerman (Towers), Carol Antoniewicz (Washington University), Laurie Hathman, (WILO)

Minutes, by Karl Suhr, Galahad

Convened 10:25

Minutes of last meeting approved

Airing it out

- UM system awarded nearly \$1 million w/matching funds for acquisition of approximately 1800 electronic journals
- STL CC added ArtSTOR, Psychinfo, American Indian History and Culture, AP Multimedia Archives, Hospitality & Tourism Index, Oxford Dictionary of National Biography
- WashU added Exlibris, SFX, MetaLib
- Rockhurst added Serials Solutions Article Linker & MARC records

MCO Report

- some database cafeteria items still in progress
- psych journals to increase 1.03%
- art fulltext increase 3%
- gale lrc -- no increase
- sage -- new offer (2nd round)
- MLA has been rebid, expect a trial next week (week of 3/28)
- ABC-Clio -- 8.6% increase - pricing distributed across participating institutions as equitably as possible
- Discussion of pricing model for ABC-Clio -- will look at usage stats for future years
- review of Vendor Direct --MLNC & OCLC discussing possible academic collection for a future offer from NetLibrary
- vendor fair day June 7th 10am-5:45pm (day before MOBIUS conference) schedule & info will be distributed to vendors from database cafeteria and vendor direct

State funding request

- timing for recommendation may be later
- initial discussion of databases

Member reappointment

- June 30th deadline for notifying - send message to merac-c

Next meeting will be at MCO office, July 14th. 10am-2pm
Meeting adjourned 11:52am