MERLIN Acquisitions/Serials Control Committee (MASCC) Meeting
LSO Conference Room
October 24, 2001

Minutes

Present: Joyce Edinger (UMSL), David Owens (UMSL), Margaret Smith (SLU),
Rich Rexroat (UMC-HSL), Becky Merrell (UMR), Minnie Breuer (UMR), Andy
Stewart (UMR), Gary Harris (LSO/MCO), Janine Orrison (LSO/MCO), Allen
Verbrugge (LSO/MCO), Lynne Edgar (LSO/MCO), Jean Parker (SLU), Jeanne
Sarkis (UMKC-LAW), Patrick Bickers (UMKC), Robert Cleary (UMKC), Bette
Stuart (UMC), Alice Allen (UMC), Karen Darling (UMC), Judi Guzzy (SLU),
Needra Jackson (MU-LAW)

1. Meeting was called to order by Jean Parker, Chair. Everyone introduced
   themselves. The minutes of the last meeting will be approved later.

2. The MERLIN Acquisitions/Serials Control Committee (MASCC) Charge was
   discussed and approved. It will be sent to the current chair of the Director's
   Committee (Martha Alexander (UMC)).

3. Alice Allen nominated Karen Darling to be next chair of the committee. After
   Karen, the chair will be on a rotating basis. The rotation will be UMC, UMKC,
   UMR, UMS, and SLU.

4. There was a general discussion of this committee's expectations of the
   coordinators committee. Since this committee's members have separate
   acquisitions and serials control systems, there were not much expectations of
   the coordinators committee. This committee has had codes that we have to
   agree upon. Also in the past, decisions on the checkins and public notes had
   by-passed this committee, but later we were able to have influence on the
   decisions. This committee just wants some influence on decisions that affect
   our work.

5. Gary Harris began general discussion of Millennium Serials. He asked if
   anyone was using this product. No one was. The main reason was when a
   library went to MilSer, there was no turning back. Two reasons UMKC
   expressed were problems with the bindery module and inability to update
   records in a review file. We experimented with the bindery module to see if
   one can batch print instead of printing one at a time. It appears that you
   cannot batch print. We also experimented with a review file and it appears
   that this problem is resolved. UMC reported their reason was that there were
   a lot of problems with both modules expressed in messages on the III listserv.
   One big problem is the inability to change frequency on a checkin record.
   The solution would be to create a new checkin and this solution is not
   acceptable. At the next meeting, Gary will try to get someone to join us who

uses Millennium Serials on a regular basis.

6. Janine Orrison, Allen Verbrugge, and Lynne Edgar joined the meeting to informally demonstrate Millennium Acquisitions.   There are a few things that still have to be done in the character-based system. For example, a library cannot appropriate funds. This still has to be done in the character-based system. Also not everything in MilAcq is printable yet. When working in MilAcq, you have to be logged in as unscoped so that you can add order records to bibliographic records that do not belong to you. The following modes were reviewed: orders, claiming and cancel, sending, rapid receive, invoice, funds, vendors, and selection list.

7. Jean reported that order information can be put into item records but it found it was too time consuming.

8. Next meeting. This is dependent on when everyone goes to Millennium Serials and Millennium Acquisitions. The new chair will check with the committee in 6 months to see if there is a need for a meeting.

 Respectfully submitted,

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