

DRAFT
Bibliography & Documentation Committee Main Session
New Orleans, November 18, 2007, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Meeting chaired by Miranda Remnek, Chair of B&D
Minutes taken by Karen Rondestvedt

Attending: Gordon Anderson (U of Minnesota), Michael Biggins (U of Washington), David J. Birnbaum (U of Pittsburgh), Michael Brewer (U of Arizona), Wook-Jin Cheun (Indiana U), Janet Crayne (U of Michigan), John DeSantis (Dartmouth), June Farris (U of Chicago), Jon Giulian (U of Kansas), Diana Greene (New York U), Heghine Hakobyan (U of Oregon), Irene Kolchinsky (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Kristin Kulash (Harvard), Marcus Leavitt (U of Southern California), Sandra Levy (U of Chicago), Zuzana Nagy (Harvard), Dan Pennell (U of Pittsburgh), Janice Pilch (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Emily Ray (Yale), Miranda Remnek (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Karen Rondestvedt (Stanford), Ellen Scarruffi (affiliation not given), Brad Schaffner (Harvard), Dena Schoen (East View Information Services), Lora Soroka (Hoover Institution), Andy Spencer (U of Wisconsin, Madison), Patricia Thurston (Yale), Wanda Wawro (Cornell), Nadia Zilper (U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Ernest Zitser (Duke).

I. Transitions, brief announcements

- 1) On behalf of attendees, Miranda thanked East View for the food they provided.
- 2) Karen Rondestvedt, editor of *Slavic & East European Information Resources*, called for papers for upcoming issues.
- 3) Miranda apologized for the meeting room being too small.

II. Reports of B&D subcommittees. These reports are all available on the B&D website at <http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/subcommittees.html>

- 1) ABSEES (Jon Giulian reporting for Terri Miller, Chair). The committee thanks the new managing editor, Irene Kolchinsky. 6000 new records were added this year, for a total of 80,000. EBSCO is doing a good job of uploading records now: it takes only 8-10 days. *Toronto Slavic Quarterly* and other journals have been added. For the core list of titles (indexed cover-to-cover, list at http://www.library.uiuc.edu/absees/ABSEEs_Core_Journals.htm), there is no backlog. ABSEES also indexes foreign-language material in North American journals. There are 400 titles and ranks 1 and 2. The subject terms have been cleaned up. Volunteer indexers are welcome. Michael Brewer praised the new indexing form.
- 2) Collection Development (Michael Brewer, Chair). There is a security problem in the vendor database (<http://www.library.arizona.edu/slavvend/index.jsp>). As a result, they have not able to update it. They are restructuring it to make it more portable. The subcommittee conducted a survey of librarians. Wook-Jin is working on book inflation data to help us with budgeting. He has produced a report on Russian book inflation for *SEEIR*. It is intended that book inflation data be placed on the web and kept updated. The gift collections website, for which a

- draft was passed around at this meeting (see item III. 6. below), will be taken over by the subcommittee.
- 3) Copyright (Janice Pilch, Chair). The subcommittee is in its fifth year. It is involved with several projects, directed toward copyright education and current awareness for Slavic and East European materials for the library and academic communities. The subcommittee serves as a resource for copyright information, provides non-legal assistance with copyright questions, and promotes ongoing study of copyright developments. In the past year the range of activity by members expanded to include copyright advocacy. The subcommittee launched its website in December 2006, <http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/copyright/>; Michael Brewer is the webmaster. Among planned expansions to the site is a copyright FAQ, currently under development. The subcommittee -- primarily Janice -- fielded 59 copyright queries from colleagues from November 2006 through November 2007, for a total during the life of the subcommittee of 209. The group organized a panel, "Copyright and the Changing Arena of Scholarly Communication in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies," for the 2007 convention. For the 2008 meeting, they will propose a panel on legal protection of traditional knowledge and cultural expression of indigenous cultures. The group will also be able to offer a session on copyright at the Digital Resources Workshop. Two members have been collaborating with other national copyright committees, and several have made substantial contributions to national copyright advocacy and education programs in the past year. Janice attended the WIPO General Assembly Meetings September 24-October 3 in Geneva as a national NGO representative for the Library Copyright Alliance. This represents an opportunity to participate in the development of international copyright law and to shape it to benefit libraries and the public interest. Other area studies groups are learning from us.
 - 4) Digital Projects (Andy Spencer, Co-chair). The main activity of the subcommittee is the *Digital Slavist* wiki, <http://digitalslavist.xwiki.com/xwiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome>. It includes a FAQ, a listing and description of conferences, and an inventory of digital projects (currently 154, with 437 collections), among other items. It has been accessed more than 73,000 times (hits doubled in the last year) and harvested by OAISTER. The subcommittee presented a panel on using digital materials in teaching during the 2007 summer workshop at the University of Illinois. They intend to propose a panel for the 2008 AAASS convention. There has been some discussion on changing the subcommittee's name. During the presentation of the subcommittee's report, a heated discussion began on the subject of outsourcing the archive of AAASS's newsletter *NewsNet* to East View, with the issue being commercial vs. open access digitization models. (*Slavic Review* is frequently approached by commercial entities seeking to do various things with it.) Further discussion of this subject will take place among B & D Committee members.
 - 5) SEEMP (June Pachuta Farris, Chair). Minutes of SEEMP meetings are posted on the CRL website, at <http://www.crl.edu/areastudies/SEEMP/news/seempmeetings.htm>. There is also an 87-page list of SEEMP holdings, which can be accessed from

<http://www.crl.edu/areastudies/SEEMP/collections/seempholdingslist.htm>. Most titles are in CRL's catalog, but not collections of pamphlets, etc. those are listed in the 87-page PDF. The subcommittee is rather slow-moving because projects are often complicated, involving multiple institutions. SEEMP is interested in more members.

III. Report of B&D Committee (Miranda Remnek, Chair)

- 1) Revamping B&D meetings and publicizing the work of B&D (update). The committee decided it liked the new meeting format. The small meeting of just the committee members to hash out issues makes the large meeting more efficient. There were no protests, so we will continue this format.
Publicizing. Miranda wrote an article for *NewsNet*. She encourages subcommittees to do the same. The proposal to make the chair of B&D a member of the AAASS Board of Directors was approved by both the Executive Committee and the Board. However, it has to be approved by the membership, because it involves a bylaws change.
- 2) Subcommittee issues. Some subcommittees are understaffed. Some people are on several subcommittees, causing scheduling problems. Miranda contacted the program committee about the scheduling problem this year, which helped. New guidelines have been drafted (see item 7 below), which should address these problems and others.
- 3) Digital Resources Workshop. Timing and available facilities make these workshops complicated to organize. The intent is to target faculty at smaller institutions. Miranda called for volunteers to help organize the workshop for the 2008 meeting.
- 4) Vendor session at 2008 meeting. B&D organizes these. The consensus was that the session is useful and should be continued. Changes suggested were: (a) informal discussion after the presentations, perhaps over wine and cheese, and (b) canvassing librarians before the convention for general questions/issues they would like to have vendors address.
- 5) Digital repository initiative. Miranda feels it's important to pursue a Slavic digital repository. There is a general preference out there for disciplinary repositories rather than institutional ones.
- 6) Faculty collections, a.k.a. gifts page. Large gift collections, especially from faculty members, can be an effective means for developing collections if the gift and the library are well matched. Karen developed a draft web page to facilitate the gift process for donors and libraries and passed it around to attendees. It is also posted at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/BnD/Gifts.htm>. This project will be taken over by the Subcommittee on Collection Development.
- 7) Summary from departing chair. (Michael Brewer has been chosen as the next chair.)
 - a) 2005 accomplishments: the B&D website was mounted (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/BnD/>); B&D sent a letter to Oxford about the reorganization there; B&D organized a librarians' reception—including raising money—that was held during the ICCEES world Congress in Berlin, since it was evident that the Germans weren't going to anything special involving librarians

(We hope there will be a librarians' conference in Stockholm in 2010.); a digital workshop was held during the Salt Lake City convention.

b) Main 2006 accomplishment: the B&D meeting schedule was reorganized.

c) 2007 accomplishments: B&D representation on AAASS Board approved by Board and Executive Committee; B&D guidelines drafted, including number of people who should serve on subcommittees, how many subcommittees one individual should be on, etc. (to be posted on website); calendar for B&D activities developed (also to be posted on the website).

d) Issue of a new name for B&D. No decision has been made; it will be discussed further on Slavlibs. It would be good to have more faculty input. There have been many different suggestions.

IV. Announcements from consortia, institutions and individuals

- 1) ACRL SEES (Andy Spencer). ACRL SEES co-sponsored a program with WESS on new members of the EU. They will cosponsor a program with WESS at next year's convention also. For 2009 they are discussing a joint program with the African and Middle East section about new cataloging rules for non-Roman-alphabet languages, vernacular scripts in authority records, etc. They discussed possibly changing the newsletter format, but decided to keep it as it is.
- 2) East Coast Slavic Consortium (John DeSantis). The group meets twice a year. LC joined the consortium. Discounts were negotiated. They have a duplicate exchange. They have a pilot project with LOCKSS.
- 3) Pacific Coast Slavic Consortium (Michael Biggins). The group welcomed Haghine Hakobyan, the new Slavic librarian at the University of Oregon. The group is considering a comparative collection analysis to provide areas of possible cooperation.
- 4) Midwest Slavic consortium/CIC (Jon Giullian). Wisconsin and Iowa recently joined, making a total of 7 members. The transition from RLIN to OCLC went smoothly. The group is thinking about a new name, but has not yet decided.
- 5) COSEELIS. No report.
- 6) Other announcements.
 - a) The New York Public Library will have another Summer Institute sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities in 2008. More information can be found at: <http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/slv/neh/index.html> Contact is Rob Davis.
 - b) Michael Biggins reports that the journal *Slovene Studies* is proposing to maintain an open access digital archive of its back issues at the University of Washington. Washington will be looking at other small specialized society journals like this, too. Society journals were discussed recently at the University of Illinois workshop as well. "Capitalism is brutal to information." An open access survey is being circulated to scholarly societies.
 - c) Miranda, David and Karen will be rotating off B&D. Marcus Leavitt will be the new faculty representative.

V.-VI. Old and new business. In the near future, B&D will focus on drawing up a position paper on open access, particularly to allay the fears of AAASS that it will lose money and members if it follows this model.

VII. Proposals for panel topics for AAASS 2008 in Philadelphia. The theme of next year's convention is "The Gender Question."

- 1) Lukaš Babka, who was not in attendance, contacted Brad about giving a paper on Russian historical collections abroad.
- 2) Janet proposed a panel on the influence of Russian diplomacy on 19th-century collection development in US libraries.
- 3) June proposed a panel on hidden collections.
- 4) Erik Zitser proposed a panel on Slavic information literacy.
- 5) Janice proposed a panel on copyright and traditional expression of indigenous cultures.
- 6) Michael Biggins said that the Collection Development Subcommittee will skip next year.
- 7) Miranda, on behalf of the Digital Projects Subcommittee, proposed a panel on GIS for historical studies.
- 8) John DeSantis said he would like a panel on book exchanges, book buying trips, etc.
- 9) Marcus suggested a panel on what is bibliography.