

Minutes: AAASS Bibliography & Documentation Meeting II

Philadelphia, November 23, 2008

Attending: Janet Crayne (Michigan), Janice Pilch (Illinois), Sandra Levy (Chicago), June Farris (Chicago), Janet Zmroczek (British Library), Jean Dickinson (Berkeley), Susan Summer (Columbia), Molly Molloy (Stanford), Karen Rondestvedt (Stanford), John DeSantis (Dartmouth), Nick Thorner (LC), Nina Shapiro (Princeton), Alexander Dzhigo (Russian Book Chamber), Ernest Zitser (Duke), Jon Guillian (Kansas), Brad Schaffner (Harvard), Irene Kolchinsky (Illinois), Heghine Hakobyan (Oregon), Steve Corrsin (NYPL), Patricia Thurston (Yale), Angelina Gibson (Bodleian), Ana Niedermaier (Eastview), Min Chan (Eastview), Terri Miller (Michigan State), Allan Urbanic (Berkeley), Robert C. Morgan (LC), Angela Cannon (LC), Nadia Zilper (Chapel Hill), Dan Pennell (Pittsburgh), Michael Biggins (U of Washington), Geoff Husic (Kansas), Wook-Jin Cheun (Indiana)

Introduction

Michael Brewer called the meeting to order. Thanks were extended to Eastview for the refreshments. The group also thanked Miranda Remnek, outgoing chair for her strong leadership.

Subcommittee Reports

These reports summarize the full text which is found on the website at:

<http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/subcommittees.html>

ABSEES (Angela Cannon)

- Going strong thanks to the managing editor
- 10 more journals and complete Carl Beck papers have been added to the database
- The backlog has only 4 titles from the core list remaining.
- ABSEES now contains 87,000 records
- A comparison made with MLA showed that 40% of ABSEES content was duplicated, but MLA does not provide book reviews.
- ABSEES welcomes input on other titles for the core journals list
- ABSEES is interested in surveying for both faculty usage and faculty recommendations for the future ABSEES
- Heghine Hakobyan will be the new ABSEES Subcommittee Chair
- New ABSEES members will be Larisa Walsh (Chicago) and Diana Green (NYU)

Collection Development (Michael Biggins)

- The Slavic vendor database that was posted at University of Arizona was transferred to University of Washington. It will be reconstructed, maybe adding new fields, tagging defunct vendors. The list will include web-based vendors.

- They plan to conduct a North American collections analysis every 5 years until 2005. The test base will be PACSLAV. It will contain visually scannable data and will provide a useful conspectus of collections over time.
- 2 new members (Christina Peter and Kristen Regina) have an art specialty and wish to evaluate art publishers/vendors for acquisitions use
- Wook-Jin Cheun will assess the impact of exchanges on collection development
- USPS is very close to reinstating surface mail, thanks to lobbying by nonprofits. They are waiting for the final sign-off.
- Wook-Jin has a proposal for another study to examine Slavic materials and trends.

Copyright (Janice Pilch)

- Focus on education and training in the Slavic field. Since the beginning of the committee there have been 242 copyright queries
- Plans include putting more on the website including a flowchart and FAQs
- Janice and Michael Newcity had a 45 minute session at the preconference workshop and it went well
- Members worked on better communications on the website, including two flowcharts (one of which was not used); and SEEIR-related copyright issues .
- Michael Brewer devised a slider copyright tool for ALA/ACRL. At the Anaheim Conference he was honored for his work. Janice will send out the url for the slider.
- Janice is a member of the Library Copyright Alliance, and was/is an international advocate at WIPO in Geneva
- Karen Rondestvedt (Stanford) and Janet Crayne (Michigan) will have their terms on the subcommittee extended 3 more years

Digital Projects (Andrew Spencer)

- A panel for AAASS focused on repositories
- The Islam –Eurasia Project didn't receive a grant from TICFIA
- The Digital Slavist wiki is being maintained and last year has witnessed a 6 percent increase in the number of hits. They also added a GIS section. Its software might change because of the problems that they experienced.
- Material was added to the list of digital projects
- Terms for Andy Spencer and Miranda Remnek from 2003 to 2008 are now over, and both are rotating off as co-chairs. It is recommended that the co-chair model be maintained and that role will be filled by Eric Zitser and Patricia Thurston. Thanks were expressed to Andy and Miranda for their leadership in the past 5 years.
- It is recommended that the name of the subcommittee be changed to "Digital Initiatives"
- New Digital Projects Subcommittee members are Liladhar Pendse (UCLA) and Patricia Thurston (Yale)

SEEMP (June Farris)

- The meeting this year focused on updates concerning ongoing projects and new projects.
- Ksenia Kiebusinskii (U. Toronto) and Diana Greene (NYU) are the new members, and a new chair will be chosen.
- Draft minutes can be found at the SEEMP site at:
<http://www.crl.edu/areastudies/SEEMP/news/seempmeetings.htm>
- Regarding preservation projects, It is clear that copyright issues are part and parcel of those concerns

Bibliography and Documentation Report

- Nadia Zilper (UNC) and Jared (Vanderbilt) have rotated off
- Dan Pennell (Pittsburgh) and Janice Pilch (UIUC) will take their places.
- Thanks to Miranda, the B&D chair will be an ex officio member of the AAASS Board beginning in 2009.
- Michael Brewer recommended that Subcommittee chairs attend the B&D I meetings in the future.
- From now on B&D I will be called the *B&D Executive Meeting* and B&D II will be called the *B&D General Meeting* in order to avoid confusion.
- The B&D website was reworked earlier in the year

Vendor Presentations (Karen Rondestvedt)

- There were 14 brief presentations which left time afterward for wine and cheese.
- Because of underestimated attendance, food disappeared quickly. More food should be ordered next year.
- Nina Shapiro (Princeton) volunteered to organize the vendor presentations next year

Digital Workshop (Hugh Truslow)

- It was held at University of Pennsylvania library. For more information see:
<http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/preconference2008.html>
- 17 attendees signed up, supplemented by drop-ins.
- There has been a workshop every 2-3 years. It was recommended that in the future, the responsibility for these workshops be shared by the B&D Chair and the Chair (or co-Chairs) of the Subcommittee on Digital Projects.

Newsnet Editorship

- Allan Urbanic (Berkeley) will cease editorship of the column, and will turn the column over to Dan Pennell in January 2009.
- In the future, it was suggested that the column could become the responsibility of the Collection Development Subcommittee.

- The Board has decided to merge *Internet News* and *Library News*, with the goal of putting the merged version (or portions of it) up on the AAASS homepage

B&D Name

- B&D has a name that no longer describes its functions; nor does it establish a recognizable profile in AAASS. The membership supported M. Brewer to survey the membership with the new name options after checking with the AAASS Executive Director about permission (and the process) to move forward with changing our name.

Open Access

- A task force was set up to look into open access issues: Angle Cannon (LC), Eric Zitser (Duke), Michael Brewer (Arizona) and Kevin Hawkins (Michigan) will make up this task force and will report at AAASS next year.

Librarian/Library Service Award

- Janet Crayne and Michael Brewer will look into the possibility of establishing a librarian/library service award in AAASS.

Institutions and Consortia: Reports

Library of Congress (Robert Morgan)

- Taking place is the reorganization of acquisitions, cataloging and support (containing 73 staff) to form the Germanic and Slavic Division within the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate.
- This was necessitated by the need for redeployed but also shrinking staff having language skills and to streamline the organization as well.
- Also there is an overall need to plan for a wave of retirements in the next 5 years of which not all will be replaced. Please see attachments for more information.
- For more information, see:
<http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/Briefing%20Notes%20on%20the%20LC%20Reorganization.pdf> and
http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/LC%20gazette_081017%20on%20ABA%20reorg.pdf

New York Public Library (Steve Corrsin)

- The New York Public Library announced that its structure will be reorganized.
- The research and circulation branches are virtually autonomous and require a centralized function.
- Also some locations will be changed. The Asian Baltic and Slavic, Middle East and Jewish Divisions will no longer exist as separate entities.

- Staff will be redistributed, and the Slavic Reading Room will be used for different purposes.
- This will be announced in Newsnet.
- When Rob Davis leaves only Edward Kasinec will remain to provide specialized reference assistance. After the NEH workshop this summer, staff will be redistributed. Public services will be provided both in the Main Reading Room and the Rare books Reading Room.
- The budget for the Slavic Division was cut from \$300,000 to \$250,000.
- 9 years ago the Board of Trustees made it impossible to withdraw books. Branch libraries can dispose of “popular literature”, because it doesn’t come under the Board of Trustees.

Slavic and East European Section (ACRL) (Terri Miller)

- The cataloging group chaired by Diana Brooking of University of Washington continues to maintain the Slavic cataloging manual
- Other areas in ALA go to them for assistance.
- Last summer Brad led a panel on North American Slavic collections.
- Sandra Levy and Kay Sinnema are Newsletter co-editors this year.
- SEES Newsletter has been digitized.
- They received a grant from ACRL to do a panel on librarianship as an alternative career (both positive and negative points of view).

East Coast Consortium (John De Santis)

- The Consortium met twice in 2008.
- They made adjustments to the by-laws, and discussed consortial purchases.
- They targeted titles for inclusion in LOCKS.
- They are planning to develop strategies for collection development in the current post-Soviet environment

PACSLAV (Michael Biggins)

- The consortium discussed limiting license issues.
- They have plans to develop relative collection strength by monitoring them over time and in specific locations.
- They continue to share duplicates.
- The most valuable part about the consortium is information sharing.

Midwest Slavic Consortium (John Giullian)

- They had informal discussions
- Continued the duplicate exchange
- Determined collection coverage based on curricular priorities.

COSEELIS (Janet Zmroczek)

- This organization now has 17 member institutions associated with language-based studies centers . There are Slavic and East European centers in London and Cambridge, and in Glasgow.
- Solanus has been edited by Chris Thomas for a very long time, but now she cannot continue to edit. There doesn't seem to be a volunteer replacement for the editor's slot, which might mean the end of the journal.
- EBSEES came to an end 18 months ago. But it is on a new platform run by the State Library of Germany.
- There will be a COSEELIS meeting at Fitzwilliam College March 30-31, 2009 All are invited.
- ICCEES will hold the World Congress in Stockholm in 2010. Submission deadline for papers to be presented in Stockholm is 2/28/09.
- Janet has been in discussion with the chair of ABDOS concerning the establishment of a librarians' preconference in Vilnius (3 days) and in Riga (one day)
- Then the group would take transportation to Stockholm and ICCEES by boat. Janet will liaise with Janet Crayne for US librarians.

SEEIR (Karen Rondestvedt)

- Haworth Press has sold SEEIR to Taylor and Francis. Production is faster, so deadlines for submission have changed.
- SEEIR has its own website . She encourages people to publish papers in SEEIR
- Taylor and Francis will offer discounted individual subscriptions for AAASS: \$69 for US customers and 69 Pounds for European customers.

Bodleian Library (Angelina Gibson)

- The library is now headed by Sarah Thomas, formerly from Cornell. She is the first female director of the Bodleian.
- A new website devoted to the best web resources for education and research. Its contents are screened by academicians and librarians: www.intute.ac.uk. 7 UK universities and other partners are responsible for the content. The subject content splits into Russia, and then Slavonic and East European. It also has a tutorial site with exercises.

Berkeley (Alan Urbanic)

- Changes are taking place there. In future they will be looking for a Slavic Librarian to fill his former position, since he will head International Programs in the Library.

Dartmouth (John DeSantis)

- In October, spurred by a large donation, the college held a symposium covering 1917-1945, and featuring Robert Davis and Edward Kasinec.
- The theme was "Bringing Russia to Dartmouth."
- An exhibit was put up containing imperial treasures.
- Edward and Robert will try to publish a volume of proceedings.

Related News

- Eric Zitser was asked by Beth Holmgren to be on the AAASS Newsnet/Website Committee. They will monitor transition of Newsnet to a web environment. Michael Brewer pointed out that we could potentially use that site/server in the future for our websites for B&D and its subcommittees. Erik will continue to advocate for our needs on this committee and will report as needed.

Recommended Panels for 2009

- Collection Analysis: Qualitative and quantitative assessment
- Exchanges and their impact on Slavic collections
- Open access options and issues
- Practical copyright Issues
- SEES panel on librarianship as a career path
- Trends in Slavic Studies (for example those associated with thematic concentrations, hirings, reorganizations, etc)
- Hidden Collections