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RAC Charge
[From ALI Web site] Determine options (models) for the process of identifying an expanded set of online resources to license, and models for short and long term funding. Make recommendations for establishing expertise on licensing terms and legal aspects, as well as negotiation strategies. Give consideration to the issues of authentication and digital archiving for these resources as appropriate. Provide an estimated budget, and an assessment of the broader impact on strategies for legislative funding, such as issues related to the public good.

RAC Meetings
• The ALI RAC met September 3, October 9, November 9, January 13, February 17, March 17, and April 23 via telephone.
• The RAC hosted meetings open to all ALI electronic resources members at the ALI E-Resource Rendezvous September 28 where RAC priorities were developed and at the Lyrasis EBook Expo March 23, where the ACS contract was the major topic of discussion.
• RAC subcommittees met via phone and email on an ongoing basis through the year.
• The RAC Chair, Kirsten Leonard, met monthly with Nancy Harris and Donna Wolfe beginning in February.
• RAC meeting minutes and report to the ALI Board are posted on the ALI/Lyrasis wiki http://alilibwiki.pbworks.com/ which is open to all ALI library personnel as well as Lyrasis personnel.
• Highlights of the meetings:
• September 3 – Planning for E-Resources Rendezvous and discussion of the ARL resolution on non-disclosure agreements, begun planning for review of ALI/Lyrasis contract.

• October 9 – debriefing from E-Resources Rendezvous, determined priorities for the current year activities of the RAC from input in the small group sessions, developed subcommittee and secretary structure to advance completion of priorities.

• November 9 – the Communications subcommittee (George) presented a survey of EBSCO subscriptions to be used to determine additional ALI group purchases. This was temporarily tabled once Lyrasis produced their own survey. ACS cost structure and ALI negotiation history was presented.

• January 13 – the listserv was tested and several account were adjusted to resolve communication problems, a great deal of work was completed to improve the usability and functionality of the wiki, cost-sharing plans were discussed for the ALI offers, the Lyrasis contract was reviewed, ACS contract negotiation strategizing was begun.

• February 17 – The RAC Chair drafted subcommittee charges that were discussed and approved, the RAC as a whole met with Nancy Harris and Donna Wolfe, and BaseCamp (alternate to the wiki) was reviewed, further planning on the review and ACS was done.

• March 17 – planned for EBook Expo ALI meeting, plan for Lyrasis contract review and licensing documents draft were developed.

• April 23 – Reviewed information gained from ICOLC and battlefield survey to determine stance for negotiation with EBSCO and ACS, decided to revisit Lyrasis survey once INSPIRE decision is announced and after receiving the updated information, discussed pursuing ALI deals for streaming media through Films on Demand and Intelicom and had a demonstration of the ebrary platform.

**Major Objectives Completed**

* Convened the E-Resource Rendezvous to gather information from ALI e-Resources personnel and foster collaboration.
* Tested, updated, and improved communications through the ALI COLL Dev Listserv.
* Improved usage of the Lyrasis ALI wiki.
* Completed an inventory of licensed electronic resources acquired by all ALI libraries (performed by Lyrasis – but will be reviewed and further refined).
* Continued discussion and negotiation with the American Chemical Society for future subscription pricing and distribution of costs among ALI members – will be working with Lyrasis once members have reported back their intentions based on current pricing.
* Developed a strategy for prioritizing resource interests of ALI members – this was done through the E-Resource Rendezvous small group discussion sessions.
• Began development of licensing and contract negotiation guidelines to develop the mechanism to have single ALI signer for contracts that require one.
• Explored eBook aggregations through Lyrasis’ NetLibrary Collection which has been offered to ALI and met with ebrary to review their product.
• Produced a clarification document to improve the administration of the ALI/Lyrasis contract.

Other
• The ALI Resource Advisory Committee has a standing position on the Lyrasis Electronic Resource Advisory Group. Kirsten Leonard served in that capacity this year.
• Kirsten Leonard and Lori Duggan represented ALI on the INSPIRE Advisory Committee.
• Kirsten Leonard and Lori Duggan attended the International Coalition of Library Consortia conference in Chicago in April.

Recommended Goals for the RAC in Academic Year 2010-11
• Pursue relationships with the other Lyrasis CLPs and other consortia through ICOLC to share ideas and explore partnerships including ACS contract negotiation
• Depending on the outcome of the survey and review of the ALI/Lyrasis contract – pursue improvements to the contract or consider other options
• Continue to prioritize resource interests of ALI members
• Continue to work to bring greater equity in cost sharing in ALI offers
• Hold another E-Resource Rendezvous in Fall 2010 for information gathering, developing cooperative projects, and fostering community
• Continue development of a licensing template for use in ALI group purchases both for new negotiations and when a single signatory is required such as ArtStor
• Continue to maintain and improve alilibwiki as a communications tool for ALI member libraries including information on cost savings
• Conduct a survey to learn more the impact on academic libraries collection budgets in Indiana to determine how rising subscription fees, other costs, and budget cuts affecting library collection
• Consider conducting or at least overseeing surveying on resource inventories of ALI members given the limited participation of the recent Lyrasis survey. Consider doing smaller, more targeted surveys with short term objectives and immediate return on investment.