

# **Library Management Team**

## Notes from the October 10, 2000 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Claire Germain, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Edward Weissman, Mark Mara

### **1. Announcements**

- a. Ross reported that progress was being made on defining the issues associated with implementing "ubiquitous returns." He expects to bring LMT a report on funding and staffing needs later this semester.
- b. Ross reported on ALA's new five-year campaign on America's libraries which will have an academic/research library component.
- c. David reported that the formal dedication of Lincoln Hall, including the new Music Library, will take place on October 27 and 28. This will include an open house.
- d. Sarah announced that she will be attending a meeting of the Ivy Plus Library Directors on November 13. She asked for suggestions for agenda items.

### **2. Portals**

Mark Mara, Associate Director, Administrative Systems and Distributed Technologies, CIT discussed CIT's collaboration in a consortium of universities and companies involved in creating the JA-SIG Portal. The Java SIG is a group of "techies" from a variety of academic institutions and private companies. Mark defined a portal as a doorway connecting a user to everything and everyone the user needs to get his business done. The JA-SIG Portal is being designed for use at universities. It is intended to provide a framework within which all elements of the university (academic, administrative and community) can be integrated. It will limit the presentation of information and access to services on an individual basis and allow individuals to customize the appearance, layout and information content. The portal uses a "tuner" which knows who you are and what your role is so that it can produce a list of services relevant to you, a list which you can always change. The JA-SIG Portal will be vendor independent (i.e., open source) and free of commercialization. A variety of "channels" can be developed, e.g., events calendars, student information systems, and channels can be shared among the consortium of JA-SIG Portal users, thereby spreading the cost of channel development and maintenance. The JA-SIG Portal will support "push" technology. Mark said that CIT is considering packaging Bear Access, CUinfo and Faculty Advisor into a prototype portal to experiment with the portal framework. We asked Mark if he was aware of any libraries at other institutions involved in the portal development effort. He said he would check and let us know. Mark will also send Tom the bi-weekly updates that consortium members receive so that we can keep up with developments.

### **3. CUL Participation in Membership Organizations**

CUL is a dues-paying member of various organizations. A list of the organizations for which membership is paid for with central funds includes:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Annual Dues</b>
<b>CLIR</b> (Council on Library and Information Resources)	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
<b>SCRLC</b> (South Central Regional Library Council)	<b>\$ 375</b>
<b>RLG</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
<b>ACLS</b> (American Council of Learned Societies)	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>SUNY Council of Library Directors</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>
<b>ARL</b>	<b>\$ 16,500</b>
<b>CNI</b> (Coalition for Networked Information)	<b>\$ 5,050</b>
<b>SPARC</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Digital Library Federation</b>	<b>\$ 24,000</b>
<b>Center for Research Libraries</b>	<b>\$ 59,500</b>
<b>NINCH</b> (The National Initiative for a Networked Cultural Heritage)	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>American Library Association</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>International Federation of Library Associations</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

We discussed how we could best structure our participation in these organizations to maximize their value for us. We agreed that CUL should have a "point person" assigned to each organization. The point person will monitor the activity of the organization, make sure that CUL is represented at meetings, as appropriate, and that reports on meetings and organizational activities are distributed to Sarah and other appropriate people. Sarah said she would assign or confirm responsibility for each organization.

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