**Discussion Notes**

Kudzu-Operations Conference Call

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

**2PM ET | 1PM CT**

PARTICIPANTS

1. Auburn University: Gail Burton, Fran Judkins

2. Clemson University: Erika Anderson

3. East Carolina University: William Gee

4. George Mason: Jessica Bowdoin

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8. UNC Greensboro: Dallas Burkhardt, Cathy Griffith, Anne Symonds

9. University of Alabama: Cornelia Davis

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11. University of Central Florida: Kristine Shrauger

12. University of Florida:

13. University of Kentucky: Courtney Taulbee

14. University of Louisville: Nicholas Sweat

15. University of Memphis: Sofiya Dahman

16. University of Miami: John Sandoval

17. University of Mississippi:

18. University of South Carolina:

19. University of Tennessee, Knoxville:

20. Vanderbilt University: Robyn Weisman, Myriam Wnuk

21. Virginia Commonwealth University:

22. Wake Forest University: James Harper

23. William & Mary: Katherine McKenzie

24. ASERL: John Burger, Cheryle Cole-Bennett

Kudzu libraries not on the call: Mississippi State Univ, Univ of Mississippi, Univ of South Carolina, Univ of Tennessee

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Welcome / Call to Order:** After roll call, John Burger opened the call at 2:08pm with welcoming remarks.

1. **General Check-in: How are things at your department – anything close to ‘normal’? Or a sense of what the ‘new normal’ might be?**

* Tulane is non-supplier this week, coworker recovering from carpel tunnel. If you need help, just call and they will supply.
* W&M missing their lending staff this week.
* ECU and Memphis will have vacancies. Seeking job descriptions – please send through lists.
* UNC Greensboro – Pat Kelly retired at the end of the year. Not sure they will be able to replace due to a hiring freeze.
* Vanderbilt had a delayed start of the term and will not have student employees for another week.

1. **U-Arkansas (AFU) is now an ASERL member,** participating in base-level reciprocal resource sharing agreement only at this time. Any on-boarding tasks that need to be considered?

• The ASERL website has been updated to include AFU information.

• U-Ark is a Fedex user (this information helps with lending strings).

1. **Results of RS Tool survey / Update from ASERL-WRLC RS Exploratory Working Group / Possible Visiting Program Officer post.** See <https://docs.google.com/document/d/125FxiY5BS8U2BIAnxPWC675n6NaB1eCu0fRsiBF7FyA/edit?usp=sharing> for survey analysis & data, drafted by Miriam Wnuk (Vanderbilt).

* The working group will be meeting next week to consider additional topics for collaboration – a pilot project, or series of pilots? Tools to support controlled digital lending? Could be anything on the list – many opportunities to consider.
* If a pilot project is developed, it’s possible that ASERL will seek a Visiting Program Officer (VPO) position to support the initiative. This is a dedicated volunteer position, generally donating one day per week for a year at a time. The VPO position is not paid by ASERL – rather it a contribution from the VPO’s institution, though ASERL funds are available for out-of-pocket expenses (travel, etc.). This is for information purposes only at this point, more details to come.

5. **Invite to Learn about Shared Print Collections Activities**

a. PAN Forum – Friday, Jan 21 at 12pm ET. See [PAN Event Page](https://www.crl.edu/events/pan-midwinter-2022) for details

The forum includes updates from a number of shared print programs in written form as well as highlighting a few initiatives via presentations.

b. Rosemont / Partnership Joint Meeting – February 8 at 12pm ET. See <https://sharedprint.org/2021/11/05/joint-member-meeting/> for details.

Information about each project [Rosemont (serials) and Partnership (monographs)] is often siloed. The two shared print programs are making a coordinated effort to share information, hopefully improving user experience for librarians. between these areas of focus, making it easier to find. Both programs seek to incorporate shared print collections / programming into mainstream library operations.

6. **ASERL Licensing Principles** – not yet public info – see <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YV8R-4yUazhpX5JXNRbqhOU_FtydYa9wCLrdgb-ctIg/edit#heading=h.t1julyfqhf6d>

The draft Principles are complete; working on publication design. John hopes these will be published this week, before ALA. The Principles have been endorsed by the ASERL Board.

7. **Any news re: 2022 SE Resource Sharing Conference plans? Need volunteers?**

James Harper reported that the programming committee is hoping to have the meeting face-to-face at the Scarritt Bennet House in Nashville, October 13/14, 2022. Planning activities are just getting underway now. Not considering a hybrid/virtual meeting at this time - technology for hybrid conferences is expensive and difficult to do well.

Volunteers are welcome!

8. **Open Mic / Anything Else?**

a) John noted that the Rosemont Alliance and the Partnership Outreach committees have are interested in presentation opportunities at resource sharing conferences. He asked for recommendations.

• OrbisCascade might be an option – hold meeting in August/July or September

• GWLA, BLC, WRLC – do they have any ILL events that might be appropriate?

• Colorado Alliance?

Please send additional recommendations to John.

b) Sofiya (U-Memphis) has a new lending person, Ben Ferkin. Attendees offered their welcome to Ben.

c) Nicholas (U-Louisville) reports ongoing problems with FedEx – packages are marked as delivered and are not, name of receiving person is not anyone who works at the library, etc. John will reach out to our contact, and also asks anyone else who may be having problems to notify him.

d) Miriam asked as to when the next Kudzu-Courier update may be. She is interested in information on how much are spending and how much are they using it, etc. John can schedule a meeting if there was interest.

e) Gail at Auburn is interested in knowing who might be using [BookEye 5](https://www.scantastik.com/hardware/bookeye-scanners/bookeye-scanner-index.html)? This is a new generation of overhead scanner. There was much discussion about likes/dislikes, interoperability with ILLiad and/or Odyssey, using different equipment for different tasks, etc. John will organize a “lunch and learn” session for further discussion.

9. **Adjourn**

With no further announcements, John Burger ended the meeting at 2:55pm