

Draft Minutes

SUNYLA Executive Board & Council

May 25, 2004

SUNY Cortland—Annual conference

Present:

Joseph Petrick (Alfred State), Elizabeth Gulacsy (Alfred Ceramics), April Davies (Cobleskill), Nina Warren (Genesee CC), Carrie Laier (Schenectady CCC), Karen Ferington (Niagara CCC), Angela Weiler (Morrisville), Karen Pitcher (Broome CC), Joyce Miller (Adirondack CC), Carol Anne Germain (Albany), Michael Morin (Buffalo), Ted Ciambor (Monroe CC), Hilary Sternberg (Buffalo State), Ellen McCabe (Cortland), Mark Lasek (New Paltz), Jane Verostek (SUNY ESF), Karen Shockey (Oswego), Marianne Hebert (Potsdam), Wendi Ackerman (Upstate), John Schumacher (OLIS), Caryl Ward (Binghamton), Jerry Burke (Albany), Beverly Crowell (Alfred Ceramics), Nancy Frazier (Buffalo State)

1.0 Approval of minutes

Minutes approved with one correction (typo).

2.0 Announcements

- .Potsdam—Sally Rusaw is retiring
- .Morrisville—position opening; Angela Weiler is taking a job at Onondaga.
- .GCC—Patricia Jones is retiring
- .Alfred State—Ellen Ehrig is retiring; position vacancy has been announced.

3.0 Officers' Reports

3.1 President—Hilary Sternberg

SUNYLA is about people. Our accomplishments are the results of your volunteering time and energy to this dynamic organization. Your enthusiasm and work makes SUNYLA possible. I want to thank the executive board, committee chairs, liaisons and delegates who have participated in SUNYLA this year. I am proud of our endeavors and the work we have completed.

I want to briefly highlight each committee and committee chair, as this is where the real work is carried out.

Automation and Information Technology, Bill Drew, Chair

– Seeks to increase cooperation among SUNY libraries and computing centers. Increase understanding of the impact of library personnel and service to users. Staffing issues and support for library related information technology needs.

Library Instruction, Angela Weiler, Chair

– Promoting Project SAILS – Project for standardized assessment of information literacy. Concerns regarding non-librarians teaching credit courses in information literacy. Issues about laptops for loan.

Membership, Kim Davies, Chair – Created new membership brochures. New members and conference attendees recruited from regional library schools. Co-sponsors of our conference social!

Professional Development, Carol Ann Germain, Chair

– Awards and scholarships are granted by this committee. They sponsor the Friend of SUNYLA award, Sylvia Chu scholarships, and professional development grants.

Personnel Policies, Ron Foster, Chair – Responsible for the salary survey and the exist surveys of departing SUNY librarians.

Publications and Communication, Jenny Baker and Gerald Leibowitz, Chairs – Responsible for the SUNYLA newsletter.

Web Manager, Wendi Ackerman – Maintains and updates the SUNYLA web site.

Ad-hoc committee, Response to the Patriot Act, Angela Weiler, Chair

– Preparation of a how-to-guide for library staff when handling official government requests for information on library patron records..

Ad-hoc committee, Improving Librarians' Salaries, Judith Bird, Chair - Creating multiple strategies to enhancement salaries for librarians.

SUNYLA sends liaisons to other SUNY committees.

UUP – John Schumacher

COA – Natalie Sturr/Wendi Ackerman

FACT – Michael Morin

SAC – Andy Perry

SUNYLA receives liaisons from other organizations.

Nylilnk – Kathy Gundrum

OLIS – John Schmacher

NY3Rs – Sheryl Knab

Appointments

Wendi Ackerman (Syracuse Health Sciences) has been appointed to the position of COA liaison.

Jenny Baker (Brockport) has been appointed to the position of Chair of the Publications and Communications committee.

Judith Bird (Farmingdale) has been appointed to the position of Chair of an ad-hoc committee on a plan for improving librarian's salaries.

Alice Harrington (Monroe C. C.) has been appointed to the position of Chair of the Professional Development committee.

Sheryl Knab (Western New York 3Rs Council) has been appointed as a representative of the NY3Rs.

Gerald Leibowitz (Nassau C. C.) has been appointed to the position of Chair of the Publications and Communications committee as of April 2004.

Celia Livingston (Jefferson C. C.) has been appointed to the position of delegate.

Angela Weiler (Morrisville) has been appointed to the position of Chair of an ad-hoc committee to respond to the Patriot Act.

3.2 First Vice President—Ellen McCabe

Welcome to Cortland! It is our great pleasure to host you at this year's conference.

Thanks to the local arrangements committee chaired by Lorraine Melita and including Melody Benn, Ron Conklin, Karen Coombs, Ella Dorman, Gretchen Douglas, Elaine Galaska, Ingrid Griswold, Amanda Johnson, Ellen McCabe, Kim Nicholson, David Ritchie, Marc Wildman, Gail Wood. Thanks also to our Second Vice President/Conference Chair, Ted Ciambor and his group of workers, Lori Annesi, Kim Davies, Debby Emerson, Alice Harrington, Michael Matis, Debby Mohr, Pat Onsi, Charlene Rezabek, Barbara Schaffer, Pauline Shostack. All have worked tirelessly to put this conference together and to add to your enjoyment.

And that is the whole point. You are here to enjoy, to share, to learn. There are wonderful and varied conference presentations. I hope you will "learn many new things" from them, but more importantly, I hope you will share your experiences with colleagues, enjoy their company, and feel the strength that a library organization such as SUNYLA brings to us all.

I anticipate a year of lively discussions. A number of items have recently been called to my attention.

My attendance at the SCLD meeting this spring brought to light some of the issues that our directors are wrestling with. One of the most discussed was the negotiations with Elsevier for the continuation of ScienceDirect service. We also all continue to struggle with the issue of small budgets and the attendant problems of dealing with journal and database cancellations.

Another issue for discussion on the list or at one of the Council meetings might be staffing issues relating to the trial of ILLIAD and LAND. I don't know how things went at other libraries throughout SUNY but at Cortland our small staff of two full time workers and five part time students found themselves facing up to 100 requests per day. I was wondering if this might come under the heading of "another unfunded initiative." One has to ask if there will be such future problems arising with the implementation of the Union catalog.

While we at SUNY have a contract, librarian's issues were still not resolved during the recent negotiations. This matter has been fomenting for more

years that I have been a librarian. I think it might be time to entertain some different approaches, no matter how non-conventional, to address our needs and the unfulfilled promises.

I will continue to look at mentoring both on my upcoming sabbatical and throughout the coming year. I would love to hear about your experiences with mentoring—or the lack of mentoring, both formally and informally.

During my upcoming term of office I hope to have meetings at several locations around the state. I want to see how well we can accommodate all of our many constituents at least one of the meetings. If you are interested in hosting a council meeting at your campus, please let me know.

I will be on sabbatical in the spring but I plan to keep in touch by E-mail for most of the semester. Do not hesitate to contact me.

And now, have a wonderful time at SUNYLA. There are exciting entertainers, informative conference sessions and door prizes. And, of course, YOU'RE HERE, so let's have some fun!

3.3 Second Vice President/Conference Chair—Ted Ciambor

- . We have over 170 registrants for the conference.
- . We are hoping to break even with this year's conference even though registration is a bit below our expectations.

We had a couple of issues that arose that will require clarification in the conference guidelines. Poster session presenters asked about registration waivers and the guidelines are unclear on this point. Also, the guidelines do not mention conference refunds. Near as I can tell, both of these issues have been treated differently from year to year. For consistency's sake (not to mention the sanity of conference planners), I would propose the following changes to the guidelines:

IV. Speakers-conference presentations:

A.

Registration fees for speakers will be waived at member rates upon request, to a maximum of two full reimbursements per session. Vouchers will be issued and may be shared among more than 2 presenters. ~~Poster session presenters do not receive registration fee waivers. —or— Poster session presenters will receive \$5 off of their registration fees.~~

Meeting highlights: Discussion followed about reducing registrations costs for poster session presenters; Ted Ciambor proposed a **10% reduction**

in registration fees for poster session presenters, rather than options noted above. Ted will send the new wording for Wendi Ackerman for the Web documentation. Refunds were discussed, and the following text will be added to the guidelines:

VI. Refunds:

A. Refunds for conference registration and associated fees may be granted by the Conference Committee upon notification from the attendee that they will be unable to attend due to an unexpected emergency situation. This refund will be less any expenses already incurred (meals, advance fees, etc.) and a \$5 handling fee for time and effort required in processing these requests. Upon a request

refund, reimbursement will be sent after the conference is completed.

- .Special thanks needs to be mentioned for the efforts of the local arrangements and conference committees. The local arrangements committee particularly had a lot of detail work and last minute changes to deal with. Congratulations to Lorraine and her group for a job well done.

3.4 Secretary—Nancy Frazier

Agendas and Meetings

- .Prepared and posted agendas for each SUNYLA Board Meeting
 - June 4, 2003—Stony Brook
 - October 3, 2003—Nylink offices, Albany
 - November 21, 2003 —Cortland
 - March 19, 2004—Teleconference; Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, SUNY Optometry
- .Attended, prepared, and posted minutes for each meeting to Council listserv and SUNYLA website
- .Updated notebook of materials for incoming Secretary

Ballots

- .Collected statements of nominees for SUNYLA officer elections
- .Mailed 327 ballots to voting-eligible members, of which 196 completed ballots were counted. Included in the mailing were ballots, instructions, candidates' statements, and return envelopes.
- .Tabulated and announced election results to the SUNYLA president, who posted them to the SUNYLA-L and SUNYLAC-L listservs.

3.5 Treasurer—Elizabeth Gulacsy

TREASURER'S REPORT

7/1/03 – 5/20/04

Opening Balance, 1 July 03	3,160.68
Carry Over 2002-2003	95.00
Conference 2003	7,949.75

INCOME

Associate New	40.00
Associate Renewing	75.00
New	290.00
Renewing	7,525.00

Renewing 04-05	25.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	7,955.00

EXPENSES

Conference 2004	-2,000.00
Subscription: Web Domain & Fonts	-135.08
Membership Development Committee	-21.95
Executive Committee Meeting	-49.50
Profesional Organization Dues (NYLA)	-75.00
SCLD Conference	-636.00
Professional Grants	-500.00
Secretary: Postage	-107.35
<i>ENCUMBERED</i>	
Friend of SUNYLA	-300.00
S. Chu Scholarship 2004	-500.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>-4,324.88</u>

BALANCE: 20 May 2004	<u><u>14,835.55</u></u>
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Submitted:

Elizabeth Gulacsy, Treasurer

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Automation & Technology—Bill Drew

The only item I have to report is that I am still working on the IT survey. I have responses from 35 campuses. The report will not be very useful unless all 64 respond. I will send out a list of non-respondents after the conference.

4.2 Library Instruction—Angela Weiler

E-mail discussions continued on a monthly basis among the members of the Instruction Committee.

April's discussion topic

related to the presentation on April 23 at the University of Rochester entitled "The Case Against Information Literacy". Stanley Wilder, the Associate Dean of the River Libraries at University of Rochester, gave his case on why he feels that the Information Literacy movement in college libraries is not working. The presentation was moved to a larger venue by the Rochester Regional Library Council, organizers of the event, in order to accommodate

the unexpectedly large number of attendees. A number of librarians from the SUNY system attended the presentation, including Nicki Lerczak of Genesee Community College, Barb Griel of Alfred, Charlie Cowling of SUNY Brockport, Frank Doble of Onondaga Community College, and Barb Kobritz of Tompkins Cortland Community College.

There was some disagreement among committees members who attended as to the finer points of Mr. Wilder's stand on this issue. However, there seemed to be a general consensus among participants in this discussion that Mr. Wilder disagreed with the primary goals of information literacy as stated by the movement itself. In particular Mr. Wilder disagreed that the goal of infusing information literacy throughout the curriculum was a reachable goal, and he also stated that faculty were not very interested in information literacy as evidenced by the lack of scholarly literature on the topic written by faculty other than librarians. This last opinion was one of the few points made by Mr. Wilder that prompted some expressions of disagreement from the audience.

Charlie Cowling suggested that we post our discussion to the SUNYLA list, which will be done within the next two weeks. Hopefully the posting will generate further discussion from SUNYLA members on the issue of Information Literacy.

4.3 Membership Development—Kim Davies

We have 344 members signed up at this time. 34 of those members are first-timers in SUNYLA and seven are associate members.

Meeting highlights: Delegates are encouraged to remind members to pay dues on time (July 1 due date). Discussion of dues increase followed and will be addressed at future meeting.

4.4 Professional Development—Carol Anne Germain

Friend of SUNYLA Award

- This year, the Friend of SUNYLA Award Committee selected two recipients for the Friend of SUNYLA award. One award will go to Wilfred (“call me Bill”) Drew and the second to the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS). Awards will be presented at the Annual Luncheon meeting on Wednesday, May 26.

Sylvia Chu Scholarships

- The Sylvia Chu Scholarships provides funding for the annual conference to librarians and professionals new to SUNYLA. The scholarship covers one pre-conference, conference registration, and conference meals. This year, five scholarships were awarded. As in the past, the winners will be announced at the annual meeting. Please take a moment to personally congratulate winners to make them feel welcome at the conference.

Grants Subcommittee –

The subcommittee received one grant application this year from Dan Kissane. Dan was awarded \$500. to help defray costs to attend the American Library Association’s Midwinter Conference, held in San Diego, CA in January 2004. Dan filed a report with the treasurer highlighting his experiences.

Continuing Education Program –

The topic of this year's professional development continuing education workshop is mentoring. Wil Prout, Carol Anne Germain and Jerry Burke will facilitate a three-hour session on best practices of mentoring and mentorship programs. Information from this session will be submitted to the SUNYLA Newsletter for publication. The abstract of the presentation follows:

Mentorship programs in libraries foster collegiality and professional development, both for the mentee and mentor. Many studies have shown that mentoring can improve career satisfaction and success. In this workshop, attendees and facilitators will work together to develop strategies for creating and implementing effective mentorship programs. Mentees, mentors, and ALL other interested individuals are encouraged to participate in this best practices workshop.

New Professional Development Committee –

Alice Harrington, who has been a very active and energetic member of the Professional Development Committee, has agreed to take on the leadership role of committee chair. I am highly confident Alice will be successful in this position!

The Professional Development Committee has thirteen active members.

4.5 Personnel Policies—Ron Foster (no report)

4.6 Publications & Communications—Jenny Baker & new chair Gerald Leibowitz (no report)

4.7 Web Manager—Wendi Ackerman

No report at this time—Wendi hopes to have the directory up on the Web this summer.

5.0 Liaison Reports

5.1 UUP—John Schumacher

Negotiations Update.

- UUP members overwhelmingly approved the new UUP-New York State 2003-2007 Agreement.

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Thanks to the UUP Negotiations Team for their many efforts in the negotiations process. Here's a listing of the Team members - <http://www.uupinfo.org/voice/sep/sept02c.html>

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UUP is working with the Governor's Office of Employee Relations, SUNY and the NYS Legislature to finalize a "pay bill" for the contracted bonus and pay raises.

- A Q&A document on the contract is available at <http://www.uupinfo.org/contract.pdf>
Some contract highlights can be found at <http://www.uupinfo.org/highlights.html>
UUP press release - <http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release04/ratification.html>
All UUP members received a copy of the Agreement as part of the voting process.

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UUP did bring the issue of inequities involved in SUNY librarians' faculty status to the bargaining table. New York State declined to discuss the

issue. There is a commitment from UUP to bring the issue to the table again in the future.

Budget Update.

- As of this date, the New York State (and SUNY) budget has not been finalized.

UUP officers and members (including some librarians) have carried out extensive advocacy efforts in regard to the proposed SUNY budget. Thanks to all that took the time and effort to get involved in this way.

- The governor's proposed SUNY budget represents a %.07 increase from last year's operational budget.
- UUP's response to Executive Budget Proposal: <http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release04/04budget.html>

UUP is actively engaged in getting EOP and NYSTI budget cuts restored as well as combating proposals to privatize the SUNY hospitals and give state funds to private colleges for capital projects. The NYSTI funds have been restored.

- UUP's budget and legislative priorities are described at <http://www.uupinfo.org/legislative/program.html>

On February 5, 2004, Chancellor King requested that an additional \$50 million be added to the proposed SUNY operational budget. This testimony is available at

[http://www.suny.edu/SUNYNews/News.cfm?](http://www.suny.edu/SUNYNews/News.cfm?filename=2004-02-05KingsTestimonyBudgetCommittees-Intro.htm)

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- Send a fax to your NYS Legislator regarding education/budget issues via <http://politicalaction.nysut.org/fax/fax.asp?func=select&mode=state>

UUP Election

UUP delegates elected a new vice-president for academics at the Spring Delegate Assembly. Fred Floss is a professor of economics at Buffalo State College.

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Meeting highlights: John suggests that people speak with Jean Dickson (Univ. at Buffalo) with questions for Negotiations team. John also suggested that the Board may want to invite UUP President Bill Scheuerman to another meeting for further discussion of librarians' issues.

5.2 COA—Wendi Ackerman

STC

- Registration is open until May 28.
- Keynote speaker is Kenneth C. Green, founding director of The Campus Computing Project
- This year the conference is in the same location as last, but the location may change for next year
- Registration is down to a little over ½ of last year's totals. The activities (golf, etc.) have been very popular, however.

FACT

- CIT has 300 registrants and 26 vendors for this year in Stony Brook. Next year CIT will be held in Binghamton.
- SCAP money is in jeopardy. The SCAP Advisory Committee will be contacting campuses to see how it is being used in order to make a case for continuing the funding.

Old Business:

- COA Executive elections will take place at the conference – meeting to be held on Sunday evening or Monday morning.
- Elections are needed for each area except for technology colleges (the current person will be asked to remain in the position).
- The election results take effect immediately following the conference.

5.3 FACT—Michael Morin (Report pending—6/8/04)

5.4 SAC—Andy Perry

SAC met on April 14 and will meet again on June 23 which will include a meeting with Provost Salins.

The SAC Finance Planning Committee met March 30 and had a conference call May 10 to discuss the Elsevier contract.

Main issues:

1. Elsevier contract--significant progress has been made in securing a five year contract which ensures title coverage (the "Freedom" plan) and puts a cap on inflationary increases. This current proposal involves spending from the SUNYConnect Reserve fund to partially subsidize the contract for the five year duration. With the subsidy, campus annual increases would be 0%, 1%, 1%, 1%, and 1%.
2. New funding sources: due to budget pressures from all sides and the potential expenditure from the Reserve Fund noted above, it will be critical to find new sources of funds. The potential Elsevier contract noted above only buys us five years and creates a structural budget problem when it expires. The Reserve Fund will have been drawn down and will likely not be a solution next time. We will need to develop a "business plan" for any new funds we are able to attract.
3. Aleph implementation continues to progress as was stated in John Schumacher's OLIS report.
4. There will need to be a new five year financial plan put in place since the current plan expires this fiscal year. Work on this will commence this summer.
5. SAC will discuss a "service needs survey" for potential distribution to SUNY Libraries to determine the level of interest among libraries for additional services based on a cost-sharing model. Services may include cataloging and technical processing, aleph systems administration, authority control. Note that the pilot project between Fredonia and Binghamton will be presented at SUNYLA.
6. SAC is reviewing members' terms. There is currently a vacancy created by the departure from SUNY of John Anderson.

5.5 NYlink—Kathy Gundrum

General Announcements

Nylink's **statewide delivery service**, LAND [Libraries and Nylink Deliver], celebrated one year of service in January 2004. Thank you to SUNY libraries and staff for your support of LAND!

Nylink is conducting its **Member Needs Assessment**

in June 2004 to receive feedback from our members on Nylink's current and future services and programs. This web-based survey will be sent to multiple individuals at Nylink member institutions. Please take the time to respond and to provide feedback!

For 2004/2005, OCLC has also introduced **subscription pricing for cataloguing and ILL**. Offered over the past year in a limited pilot, this new subscription pricing is available to all members this year. More detailed information has been sent to libraries qualifying for this option, and Nylink staff are available to consult with library staff on the most cost-effective pricing option for your library given your specific needs, workflow, etc.

To provide our members with timely and convenient access to your financial records with Nylink, we are pleased to introduce **online access to your Nylink account**. Included in your membership, this service provides web access to your Nylink billing information. Via your online account, you can view your institution's statements, detail invoices, account balance, payment history and product usage. Usernames and passwords have been issued to the director and the billing contact at member institutions.

Educational Services

Visit the Educational Services section of the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.suny.edu/training.htm> for current information about upcoming **Nylink training classes and special programs**. Classes for July-December 2004 are being finalized and posted to our web site.

Nylink and the Capital District Library Council are offering **Planning and Developing Digital Projects** on Thursday, June 17 at William K. Sanford Library in Colonie [Albany area]. Attend this program, conducted by Tom Clareson, OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. and Jill Ann Hurst, Hurst Associates, Ltd., to learn about the issues involved in planning digital library projects and programs. There is no cost for CDLC members, and a \$25 charge for non-CDLC members. Register online at <http://nylink.suny.edu/digital04.htm>.

To address a critical training need of librarians, Nylink added a new category to its Educational Services offerings: **Management and Leadership Development**. Current courses include *Strategic Marketing for Academic and Research Libraries*; *Strategic Marketing for Academic and Research Libraries II: Developing and Implementing a Marketing Campaign for Libraries*; and *Inventing the Future: Scenario Planning for Libraries*. Visit Nylink's Educational Services web site [<http://nylink.suny.edu/training.htm>] for information about these and other classes.

Online courses through Nylink's Institute for **Information Technology Fluency for Library Professionals**, which works to increase the basic skill sets and comfort levels of librarians working with technology, are available. Please visit < <http://nylink.suny.edu/ITFluency/> > to learn more. This project has been funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum of and Library Services.

The next Nylink **Information Showcase**

is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City. Mark your calendars and plan to attend all or part of this all-day event!

Looking ahead: **Nylink Annual Meeting**: May 4-5, 2005, Saratoga Springs

Electronic and Reference Resources

Nylink offers many **Spanish-Language Resources**

as ways to improve your library's outreach to patrons who speak Spanish. In addition to the electronic resources Nylink offers via Gale, netLibrary and OCLC, shelf-ready print volumes, videos and DVDs are available through OCLC's Language Sets. Every two months, OCLC bibliographers create new sets of Spanish-language books and videos for adults and children, and package them with the MARC records, spine stickers and other supporting materials needed to integrate them into library collections. A list of these resources is available at the Nylink web site at

<http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/esp.htm>.

From March through August 2004, Nylink is offering its members and other NY libraries the opportunity to participate in the third **Nylink netLibrary shared collection**, featuring new lower pricing, early commitment discounts, delayed invoicing, and the opportunity for libraries to select titles. Get pricing, a timeline and additional information on the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/net3.htm>.

Trials for **The Nation Digital Archive**

are available. This service offers 135 years of reportage, opinion and criticism, adding up to over 6800 weekly issues, or 200,000+ pages. See <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/nation.htm> for more details regarding the Nation Digital Archive, including trial access and pricing information.

Information about many of the products and services listed above is on the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.suny.edu>. Thank you!

5.6 OLIS—John Schumacher

SUNYConnect LMS

- Sixty institutions have committed to participate in *SUNYConnect*. Recent additions to the community are Empire State College, North Country Community College and University at Buffalo (UB is re-joining).
- Thirty-six libraries are currently using the *SUNYConnect* LMS (ALEPH500). (Alfred State, Alfred University, Binghamton, Broome, Buffalo State, Canton, Cayuga, Ceramics, Corning, Cortland, Delhi, Erie, Finger Lakes, Fredonia, Genesee, Geneseo, Herkimer, Jamestown, Jefferson, Maritime, Monroe, Morrisville, Oneonta, Onondaga, Optometry, Orange, Oswego, Potsdam, Purchase, Rockland, Stony Brook, Stony Brook HSC, Sullivan, Tompkins Cortland, Ulster and Upstate Medical).
- University at Albany (Group6) is on schedule to “STP” (switch to production) during the summer of 2004 (July 6, 2004).

The remaining Group7 libraries are on schedule for STPs during the next two months. Those institutions are Brooklyn HSC, Farmingdale, Fashion Institute, Nassau, Old Westbury, Suffolk and Westchester. The OLIS would like to extend its thanks to staff members at those campuses for their efforts in this regard.

- Maureen Zajkowski has visited all of the Group8 campuses that will be implementing the *SUNYConnect* LMS during the second half of 2004 and the first part of 2005. The Group8 campuses are Adirondack, Clinton, Cobleskill, Columbia-Greene, Dutchess, Fulton-Montgomery, Hudson Valley, New Paltz, Plattsburgh and Schenectady.

The OLIS and its designees offer (or will soon offer) approximately 20 ALEPH training courses/workshops. These include courses for implementing libraries as well as for those already using the *SUNYConnect* LMS.

A procedure is in place for removing linkages between ALEPH circulation transactions and personally identifiable information. *SUNYConnect* campuses have been provided information on initiating the procedure for their library system.

With a new Ex Libris project manager in place, progress is again being made on creating the *SUNYConnect* union catalog. This includes the extraction, conversion, loading and indexing of approximately 7 million records from the *SUNYConnect* libraries.

Universal Borrowing - OLIS met with Eva Krall on April 15-16, 2004. The discussion on universal borrowing functionality was based on workflow and ALEPH system configuration requirements. Based on this detailed review it became apparent that the functionality as proposed by Ex Libris in their bid response to the SUNY RFP was not available without extensive development. The OLIS is preparing a document for Ex Libris that outlines priorities and weights for the functionality of circulation capabilities among campuses. This document will be used by Ex Libris and SUNY to help focus on the software developments required for Ex Libris to meet their contractual obligations.

Ex Libris' SUNY union catalog project manager, Eva Krall is on the SUNYLA 2004 program, and Katrina Anderson vice president, U.S. Operations (Ex Libris USA) will be attending the conference.

SUNYConnect Databases

- SUNYConnect has renewed the Gale OneFile resource for the July 2004-June 2005 timeframe.
- The SUNYConnect FirstSearch resource has been renewed for 2004-2005.

SUNYConnect and Gale have reached agreement on the purchase of Gale's Literature Resource Center archive. The multi-year agreement results in cost savings for SUNY. Thanks to Nylink and the SUNY Finance Department for their efforts in this regard.

JSTOR collections are now available to those campuses that opted to participate in this program. SUNY System Administration's contribution for the one time JSTOR "Archive Capital Fee" is \$650,550. Additional information is available at <http://www.jstor.org>

Assistant Provost Carey Hatch has been meeting extensively with the university community and representatives from Elsevier in regards to proposed renewal of the ScienceDirect agreement.

SUNYConnect participants have free trial access during the first half of 2004 to the Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL). More information about the GVRL is available at <http://www.gale.com/brochure/VirtualRefgml22703.pdf>

OLIS

Interviews have been completed for two "Library Application Developer" positions advertised by OLIS. It is likely that job offers will be made in the next couple weeks.

The SUNY Office of Library and Information Services extends warm appreciation to SUNYLA and the Professional Development Committee for the 2004 "Friend of SUNYLA" Award. The award means a great deal to all of us. It provides another affirmation for the collaborations between OLIS and friends and colleagues at the SUNYConnect campuses. Thanks!

SUNYConnect Information / Resources

- For additional information about SUNYConnect
<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/>
<http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/sunyerger/>
<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/SUNYConnection/>
- Additional resources:
"SUNY ALEPH500 Portal"<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/aleph/>
"SUNYConnect Service and Support Portal"
<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/service>

SUNYAUG

- The SUNY ALEPH Users' Group 2004 meeting is scheduled for October 11th in Syracuse (Onondaga Community College). See <http://library.morrisville.edu/sunyaug/> for information on submitting a presentation proposal. The deadline for proposals is May 31, 2004.

5.7 NY3Rs—Sheryl Knab

This is a summary of a report given at the SUNY Council of Library Directors Conference by John Shaloiko, Executive Director, Southeastern NY Library Resources Council, 21 April 2004.

NY3Rs, Inc.: was officially incorporated in 2003. No longer “NYTRO.” The main purpose of the incorporation is to enable the 9 3Rs councils to do group contracts in order to benefit member libraries. Web site can be found at: www.ny3rs.org

Coordinated Collection Development: The 9 3Rs councils continue to administer the Coordinated Collection Development Aid (CCDA) program to academic libraries throughout NYS. The purpose of this program is to “enhance academic library collections thereby strengthening regional collections that are available via resource sharing.” Academic libraries that are members of a 3Rs council and fully participate in interlibrary loan and resource sharing programs can obtain CCDA funds. In 2003/2004, 216 academic institutions were eligible to receive funds. \$1.825 million was awarded. Of the 64 eligible institutions from SUNY, \$616,561 (or 34% of all CCDA funds) was awarded. The average award per SUNY library was \$9,634.

Electronic Resources to SUNYs: 3Rs councils continue to subsidize access to databases with NYS RBDB (Regional Bibliographic Database and Interlibrary Loan Resource Sharing) funds. Each 3Rs council, through their Regional Automation Committee, determines how RBDB funds are allocated. Depending on the 3Rs council, the following resources are available to SUNY libraries: FirstSearch OCLC Collection, FirstSearch Base Package with Wilson, Wilson OmniFile, Newsbank regional newspapers, ABC-CLIO History databases, and Gale’s Health Wellness & Alternative Health.

NY3Rs continues its partnership with WALDO. In 2003/2004, 52 SUNY libraries participated in a NY3Rs/WALDO program. There were 453 subscriptions, with the average subscription per library being 8.7. 31 vendors participated with 118 unique products offered.

Continuous Assessment: Started in 1992. The NY3Rs made a multi-year commitment to assist and facilitate academic libraries in NYS with assessment initiatives. Summer 1992: “Creating a Culture of Assessment” coordinated by NY3Rs. Programs offered in NYC, Rochester, Hudson Valley. This was an ARL program that was focused on new ways of thinking, new attitudes and structures, all to support continuous assessment as part of library work. As outcome of the SUNY Council of Library Directors Conference in 2002, NY3Rs procured just under \$100,000 from an LSTA to offer an ARL program to define and measure library service and create assessment tools.

NY3Rs LibQUAL+ Advisory Group: 20 academic libraries. Included 12 SUNY librarians. Fall 2002: informational meetings throughout NYS. Spring 2003: Assessment Survey. Summer 2003: Results Meetings. SUNY Participation: 102 SUNY library staff attended the LibQUAL+ meetings. 35 SUNY libraries (out of 77) participated in the assessment process. October 2003: “Assessment: Measuring Services & Resources in Academic Libraries” held in Syracuse. Topics: new Middle States Accreditation, information literacy, LibQUAL+ assessment tool. 40 SUNY library staff attended.

Spring 2004: “Continuous Assessment & Continuing Improvement.” Coordinated by NY3Rs through LSTA grant. Follow-up to the LibQUAL+

assessment process. Information can be found at: www.ny3rs.org/cil.html This program provides a framework for continuous assessment and improvement of library services. Workshops held/to be held: Rochester, Albany, and NYC. 20 SUNY libraries represented with 44 staff registered.

June 14, 2004: “Information Literacy and Middle States Assessment: How Do We Measure Up?” discussion seminar hosted by NY3Rs in Rochester and possibly NYC. Target audience: teams from institutions preparing for Middle States Assessment in 2004-2007 (cohorts 1-4). Information and Registration information at: www.ny3rs.org

NY3Rs: Regional Services: Each 3Rs council continues to offer: ongoing professional development opportunities, regional resource sharing and delivery, reciprocal access, subsidized access to medical information, new technologies that facilitate information access, access to electronic resources, collegial networking opportunities.

For more information, go to: www.ny3rs.org The nine 3Rs councils are:

Capital District Library Council, Jean Sheviak, Executive Director
Long Island Library Resources Council, Herb Biblo, Executive Director
METRO, Dottie Hiebing, Executive Director
Northern NY Library Network, John Hammond, Executive Director
Rochester Regional Library Council, Kathleen Miller, Executive Director
South Central Regional Library Council, Jean Currie, Executive Director
Southeastern NY Library Resources Council, John Shaloiko, Executive Director
Western NY Library Resources Council, Gail M. Staines, Ph.D., Executive Director

6.0 New Business--none

