

SUNYLA Executive Board Meeting Sept. 22, 2006
SUNY Cortland
Minutes

Attending: C. Cooper (Finger Lakes), E Gulacsy (Alfred Ceramics), K. Quinlivan (University at Buffalo), C. Maier (Corning), J. Petrick (Alfred State), R. Foster (SUNYIT), H. Heyduk (Oneonta), N. Greco (Geneseo), A. Weiler (Onondaga CC), B. Drew (Morrisville), J. Schumacher (OLIS), K. Shockey (Oswego), V. Xenakis (Cortland), C. Laier (Schenectady), C. Germain (Albany), A. Davies (Cobleskill), D. Ritchie (Cortland), A. Gunning (NYLINK), D. Eckenrode (Fredonia), G. Toth (Brockport), J. Yaples (Binghamton), M. Hebert (Potsdam)

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 14, 2006 were approved.

2. Announcements, Correspondence, Appointments

Morrisville: Mustang Alley Dining Hall is undergoing a long term remodeling project. Recently hired a adjunct in Technical Services. Utica: Book budget is being reduced by 50% due to campus fiscal austerity measures. SCLD is meeting in Utica today. Utica is hosting a local Aleph Users Group meeting. Alfred State: Alfred is suffering a budget crisis. Alfred Ceramics: Recently hired Mark McBride as Public Services Librarian. Schenectady: Now have a new dedicated Library Instruction space. Binghamton: A television has been installed in the Lobby to broadcast CNN. Geneseo: Associate Director of Libraries has resigned. Cobleskill: A Presidential search is underway. The Provost will be in charge until the vacancy is filled. Campus is currently undergoing a program review. Corning: Recently hired a new Associate Dean for Learning Resources.

3. Officer Reports

3.1 President-Mark Wildman:

No response yet from the Chancellor on the Equity Resolution.

SUNYLA President's Report
September 22nd, 2006

I have learned more in my first quarter as SUNYLA president than I ever expected to learn all year. I am extremely energized by the interactions I have enjoyed with my fellow librarians and by the new contacts I am making with other SUNY divisions.

My first pressing issue was to forward the report by the Ad Hoc Equity Committee *Equity: A Call To Action* to Chancellor Ryan along with the resolution passed at the annual meeting at Geneseo. Unfortunately, we have not received a response from him but I have asked his office for a confirmation that he received the report and resolution. We did, however, receive confirmation and support from Bill Scheuerman who passed these documents on to Fred Floss, our Chief Negotiator for UUP.

I will emphasize again and again that librarians must show their numbers when the negotiation team visits each UUP campus to gather information. It is not up to the delegates and executive board to pursue this cause alone. We will make a stronger point if it is repeated by each campus by as many librarians who can attend those meetings.

I'd like to add that I am deeply aware that this issue does not represent all SUNYLA members. What we glean in this pursuit will be applicable to our other SUNYLA colleagues not represented by UUP. These documents can be tailored for use at the county and local levels.

I would like to thank our officers for the year, Joseph Petrick, Vice President, Carol Anne Germain, 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair, Marianne Hebert, Secretary, Elizabeth Gulacsy, Treasurer, and of course Bill Drew, Past President. Elizabeth has already indicated that this will be the last year she will continue to serve as treasurer. We will be seeking nominations for that office as well as all others in the coming new year. I encourage all delegates to begin soliciting names for a slate of officers for 2007.

Committee News

A conference call was held with the SUNYAUG executive board to discuss the proposal that SUNYAUG become a committee of SUNYLA. This will be discussed as new business at the September 22nd meeting. Alice Harrington will be stepping down as chairperson of the Professional Development committee. She has made several proposals to restructure the committee to be discussed. Carol Ann Germain has assembled members of the conference planning committee and preparations are under way for the 2007 annual conference at Maritime. Comments and feedback from the conference at Geneseo were overwhelmingly positive.

I will again emphasize the need for our membership to step forward and serve on various committees and offices. Our membership has grown substantially over the last few years, but volunteering for service has declined. I know that members currently serving in offices or on committees already give significant time to other causes and organizations. Many of our committees require very little time and investment, but the rewards are vast.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Wildman
SUNYLA President
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3.2 First Vice-President: Joe Petrick

SUNYLA Vice-President's Report
September 22nd, 2006

Although it is not necessarily related to the vice-president position, I would like to report on activities relating to SUNYLA.

As many of you know, I am presently serving as the Alfred State College representative to SUNY University Faculty Senate. As part of this involvement I have been permitted to serve on the Library Subcommittee of the Operations Committee of University Faculty Senate. A major objective of my serving in SUNYLA is that I see it as an opportunity to enhance communication with a number of stakeholder groups in a concerted way. Because of this, I would like, as I had noted in a recent message to the SUNYLA listserv on Aleph administration and other issues, that there be more communication between groups getting behind a common purpose. The equity issue is an important issue for SUNY librarians, but another major topic—already addressed by SUNYLA in the recent past—is that of increased funds for library operations.

Recall that an ad hoc committee was formed to deal with acquisitions issues, in response to resolutions proposed by the University Faculty Senate Operations Committee. This committee, composed of myself, Marc Wildman, April Davies, Angela

Weiler, and Bev Crowell has not acted over the summer, in anticipation of work emanating from University Faculty Senate. I intend that this ad hoc committee review the work of the University Faculty Senate Operations Committee regarding library issues, as well as that of other groups relating to increased funding for library acquisitions.

Over the summer I communicated with Mary Casserly, Assistant Director for Collections and Users Services at the University at Albany Libraries about the work of the SUNY Collections and Access Council (SCAC). Dr. Casserly recently informed me of the work of this group.

On September 15, 2006 Carey Hatch met with the Operations Committee of University Faculty Senate. Later, Carey and Maureen Zajkowski met with the Library Subcommittee in order to discuss issues relating to SUNYConnect. Subsequent to that meeting, the Library Subcommittee made plans to propose a resolution concerning library acquisitions to University Faculty Senate at the Fall Plenary at Buffalo State on October 26-28, 2006.

The ad hoc committee will be reviewing information from the UFS Operations Committee, SCAC, SAC, and OLIS, and will be reporting later this year.

I look forward to working with Marc Wildman and other members of the Executive Board over the course of the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Petrick

3.3 Second Vice-President-Carol Anne Germaine:

\$2000 Seed money was approved for the SUNYLA Conference at Maritime.

3.4 Treasurers Report-Elizabeth Gulacsy

TREASURER'S REPORT

7/1/06 - 9/17/06

Balance, 30 June 2006	27,805.41
Release of encumbered funds	558.47
Conference 2006 seed money	2,000.00
Opening Balance, 1 July 2005	30,363.88

INCOME

Associate New	10.00
Associate Renewing	25.00
New	210.00
Renewing	4,700.00

TOTAL INCOME 4,945.00

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES

BALANCE: 17 September 2006 35,308.88

Elizabeth Gulacsy
SUNYLA TREASURER

TREASURER'S REPORT
7/1/05 - 6/30/06

Balance, 30 June 2005	23,111.21
Release of encumbered funds	800.00
Opening Balance, 1 July 2005	23,911.21

INCOME

Associate New	70.00
Associate Renewing	100.00
New	440.00
Renewing	8,675.00
Conference 2005	7,077.71

TOTAL INCOME 16,362.71

EXPENSES

Bank Charge	-43.00
Conference 2006	-4,200.00
Executive Board Meeting	-345.88
Publications Committee	-2,225.00
Membership Development	-65.43
SCOLD Conference	-468.00
Salary Survey	-204.95
Donation ALA Katherine	-500.00
SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS	
Friend of SUNYLA 05-06	-500.00
Professional Grant 05-06	-1,841.53
Professional Grant 04-05	-500.00
S. Chu Scholarship 05-06	-672.00
Kissane Scholarship 05-06	-344.25
Encumbered 05-06	-558.47

TOTAL EXPENSES -12,468.51

BALANCE: 30 June 2006 27,805.41

Elizabeth Gulacsy
SUNYLA TREASURER

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Information Technology Committee -Bill Drew

Report of the IT Committee

The SUNYLA New Tech Wiki continues to get new material added to it. The wiki is at <http://sunylanewtechwiki.pbwiki.com/>. The password to add material to it is: sunylatech.

ITEC has changed all of the Lyris e-mails lists to private. This means that all subscriptions must be approved by the list owner. It was done to decrease spamming to the lists.

4.2 Library Instruction-Angela Weiler

No report.

4.3 Membership Development- Nancy Greco

Membership Development Committee Report

SUNYLA Council Meeting September 22, 2006

Membership:

As of September 19, 2006, there are 228 registered 2006-2007 SUNYLA members, 24 of whom are first-time members and 4 associate members. Last year's final tally for membership was 397 members, including 42 new members and 6 associate members.

MDC Goals:

The Membership Development Committee aims to increase membership by 5% over last year; therefore, the goal is to reach 417 members.

Objectives:

- Identify SUNY librarians who have never participated in SUNYLA and contact them individually to invite them to join.
- Contact library directors of non-participating campuses.

Ongoing Projects:

- Maintain the membership database
- Distribute membership cards
- Distribute SUNYLA brochures to new members

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Greco
Chair, Membership Development Committee

4.4 Personnel Policies-Ron Foster

Ron requested \$250.00 to have more UUP equity buttons made. C. Maier 2nd the motion. The request was passed unanimously. Ron will order 150 more buttons.

Personnel Policies Committee Report
September 22, 2006

1. Web Site

The address of the committee's Web site is www.sunyla.org/ppc

The counter on the 2002 Salary Survey page was at 269 on September 22, 2006.
The counter on the 2006 Salary Survey page was at 105.

2. Exit Surveys

So far, nine Exit Surveys have been received for 2006. A reminder about the Exit Survey will be sent out on sunyla-l on December 1st. A summary of Exit Surveys covering 1995-2005 is available at the committee's Web site.

Delegates are strongly urged to continue to encourage separating librarians to complete the Exit Survey. It is available on the committee's Web site both as an online form and as a pdf that can be printed out and mailed in. The form may be submitted anonymously in either format.

3. Salary Survey

About seven requests have been made and filled for additional copies of the salary survey; one request was denied since the institution did not participate in the survey.

The next survey should clarify schools' cohorts.

SUNYLA needs to have a discussion sometime about the future of the survey.

The New York State Department of State's Committee on Open Government "is responsible for overseeing and advising with regard to the Freedom of Information, Open Meetings and Personal Privacy Protection Laws." As chair, I wrote to Executive Director Robert J. Freeman seeking their advice on the legality of the survey; my letter was included with my June 2006 report. Attached this time is the Committee's response.

4. Equity Issues

I'm not submitting a report for the Ad Hoc Equity Committee this time, but I am including with this report an informal "Talking Points" document I distributed via the sunyla-l listserv.

I've made a blog in case we need it: <http://sunyequity.blogspot.com/>

Submitted by:
Ron Foster, Chair

4.5 Professional Development- Alice Harrington

After some discussion as to whether the Professional Development Committee should be split into two committees, it was agreed that the committee should have Co-Chairs. Mark Wildman will put out a call for Co-Chairs.

SUNYLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE September 22, 2006

I mentioned at the end of my report to the Executive Council in June that I would be vacating my position as chairperson of the SUNYLA Professional Development Committee. Although I am "off the books" so to speak, I am trying to wrap up a number of projects so as not to over burden my successor. Here are a summary of the issues:

Division of Professional Development Committee

I don't recall who had the original idea but someone suggested that SUNYLA look into dividing the Professional Development Committee into two groups with a separate chair for each: Awards (Sylvia Chu Scholarships, Daniel F. Kissane Scholarship and Friends of SUNYLA) and Everything Else (Grants and new committees such as Mentorship). Several SUNYLA members have expressed the desire to attend professional development events outside of the annual conference so perhaps a subcommittee overseen by the chair of the Everything Else Committee (temporary nickname) could look into this concept.

Professional Development Committee Material on the SUNYLA Website

Marc Wildman and I spoke last week about placing all SUNYLA Professional Development Committee websites on the same server and provide them with a uniform look. I need to touch base with Wendi Ackerman to reconfigure the SUNYLA grants page and other issues.

Budget

I don't have a budget request but here is what was approved at our August 2005 meeting:

- \$ 2400 for Grants
- \$ 1200 for Sylvia Chu scholarships
- \$ 500 for Friends of SUNYLA

Obviously this figure does not include the Daniel F. Kissane award which I believe was set at \$ 800.

Sylvia Chu Scholarships (Carol Anne Germain - Albany)

SUNYLA Council members at the June meeting noticed a conflict between the requirement "you have never attended a SUNYLA annual conference" and the deadline for the previous year's applications. It is possible that someone could start working at a SUNY library *after* the deadline for Sylvia Chu applications, attend that year's conference and therefore not be eligible for a scholarship the following year.

One recommendation would be to change the applicable eligibility requirement to read something like this (changes are in bold):

You qualify if

- o *You have never attended a SUNYLA annual conference. **Exceptions will be made for SUNYLA members who were hired after (month, day, year), the deadline for last year's awards.***

Friend(s) of SUNYLA (Jerry Burke - Albany)

So many people deserve our gratitude and recognition for their extraordinary support of SUNY libraries and librarians. Please consider writing a nomination letter on their behalf. More information, including a list of past recipients, can be found here: <http://www.sunyla.org/friend.html>.

Professional Development Grants (Marianne Muha – Buffalo State)

I emailed the committee for feedback on the following issues in summer but did not receive a response.

- Executive Council members at our June meeting suggested a more aggressive promotional campaign for our grants program. The availability of grants is currently publicized through emails to the listserv, articles in the SUNYLA newsletter, reports to the Executive Council meetings and a page on the SUNYLA website. Keep in mind that a more aggressive marketing campaign would result in a much more competitive grants program; even with minimal promotion we still use up all of the monies allocated to us.
- I recommend that SUNYLA members be limited to receiving one grant per three or five year period. Currently there is no such limitation.
- I also recommend that the future chair look at ways to reinforce the requirement that grant recipients report back to SUNYLA on the project for which they received funding.

We have easily used up our funding each year I have chaired the professional development committee based upon this admittedly minimal marketing campaign. If the Executive Council recommends more promotion, I recommend that funding for grants be increased (see *budget*).

Daniel F. Kissane Memorial Scholarship Award (Wendi Ackerman – Upstate)

I passed on chairmanship of this post to Wendi Ackerman. Our committee spoke about providing enough funding to provide more library school students and opportunity to attend our conference. This may be something the Council wants to consider when constructing a budget. In addition to conference fees, meals, travel and lodging.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Harrington
September 22, 2006

4.6 Publications & Communications-Gerry Liebowitz, Ellen McCabe

SUNYLA Publications Committee

Gerald Liebowitz, Ellen McCabe, Co-Chairs

September 22, 2006

Members of the Publications Committee: Lori Annesi (Monroe), Jim Coan (Oneonta), Emily Hart (Fredonia) Linda Gorman (Nassau), Gerry Liebowitz (Nassau) (co-chair), Jennifer Little (Brockport), Ellen McCabe (Cortland) (co-chair)

Items have been solicited for the October newsletter. The newsletter is being assembled but people are slow to get things in. We will not have (once again) an item from every campus, but we will have something out by mid-October. **You can still get news from your campus into the newsletter---but hurry!**

We will continue issuing a paper version and a PDF version as comments on both formats continues to be favorable. The PDF format enables us to produce addenda when necessary. PDFs of previous newsletters remain accessible from the SUNYLA website.

Many thanks to Jennifer Little for handling the printing and distribution of the paper copies of the newsletter, to Gerry for the composition and editing, and to all the committee members for their contributions.

The Committee would appreciate any news or reports. Please send items to Gerry at leibowg@ncc.edu.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McCabe (Co-chair)

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Ellen McCabe, SUNY College at Cortland, mccabe@cortland.edu (607) 753-4051

4.7 Web Manager-Wendy Ackerman

Web Manager Report

As part of the SUNYLA site redesign process, an email was sent out on September 5th to the SUNYLA list (SUNYLA-L) requesting your feedback about the site via a brief survey. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey; I received 35 responses so far. For those of you who have not responded yet and would like to, please go to http://www.sunyla.org/contact_survey.html. There are only three questions and will take very little of your time. In addition to the survey responses, I have also been working with log files to analyze site traffic since it moved to the ITEC server in May of 2003.

In the meantime, until the redesign has been completed, I am making an effort to make links to pertinent conferences, etc., available from the main page. Currently the SUNYAUG conference registration is featured.

There are several updates that are needed for the online directory database that I will get to shortly. Please continue to send updates and changes to me, as well as any updates and changes that are needed on the SUNYLA web site. Thanks.

5. Liaison Reports

5.3 COA-Bill Drew

B. Drew motioned, A. Davies seconded the motion that the COA position should not be filled during the next elections. The motion carried unanimously.

COA Liaison Report

I strongly recommend that the COA liaison position be eliminated. Carey Hatch attends the meetings and phone conference calls. Very little is talked about that concerns libraries. Frankly, it is a waste of time. I also tender my resignation immediately as COA liaison.

5.4 FACT-Mark Smith

SUNYLA Liaison to FACT Report

Faculty Access to Computing Technology: URL: <http://www.fact.suny.edu/>

Fall 2006

Mark A. Smith - SUNY Ceramics at Alfred

CIT (SUNY Conference on Instructional Technology) in Plattsburg this year:

The FACT Advisory Committee is pleased to announce SUNY Plattsburgh will host CIT 2007 from May 29 to June 1, 2007. <http://www.cit.suny.edu/> Below are the proposed tracks for this conference. Plenty of opportunity here for librarian presentations!!!!

- The Politics and Policies of Technology Deployment, Use, and Maintenance
- Reflections on Technology in the Disciplines
- Strategies for Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Exploring and Implementing Emerging Technologies
- Professional and Continuing Education
- Social Networking, Collaboration and Sharing

Reminder .. Apply for a “COCID” - up to \$5000 for a conference on your campus:

Conferences on Computing in the Disciplines (COCID)

This program provides financial support for intercampus scholarly conference. COCIDS will be inter-campus events for training and professional development of faculty and staff within academic disciplines. They will bring together SUNY personnel and visiting resource persons to examine new trends and developments in the use of technology for instruction and research.

<http://www.fact.suny.edu/cocids.html>

For further information on COCID and the application process, contact Ms. Lisa Raposo, SUNY Training Center, at: lmraposo@tc.suny.edu

Upcoming COCIDS - Fall 2006 - look for announcements

“Instructional Technologies in distance Learning Science-Based Laboratory Courses ”

Corning Community College , Oct 12 - 13, 2006

Contact: Jayne Peaslee 607-962-9572, peaslejew@corning-cc.edu

"Training Science Faculty to Support Scholarly Work & Undergraduate Research with High Performance Computing Tools"

Buffalo State College, October 13, 2006 (tentative)

Contact Melaine Kenyon 716-878-6679, kenyonmc@buffalostate.edu

“Casting a Wide Net: Video coursecasting... idylls by a stream, on a Pod ”

University at Buffalo, Oct 20, 2006 (tentative)

Contact Lisa Stephens 716-645-6522, stephens@buffalo.edu

5.5 SAC-Dave Ritchie

Report to SUNYLA Council and Members from SUNYConnect Advisory Council – through the meeting held September 14, 2006

Shared Services Task Force to be appointed and charged – SAC approved the Task Force charge which OLIS and SAC had modified after the June SAC meeting and the SUNYLA discussion session. The charge incorporates gathering responses from the SUNY community to formulate reactions and recommendations to questions about: (a) baseline Aleph functionality within SUNY (which affects all of the following issues); (b) making OLIS's support efforts most effective (specifically looking at training and professional development efforts); (c) what service parameters should be part of the Aleph Managed Services Pilot project (planned for 2-4 campuses – hoping to include different types of campuses – where partial or total responsibility for aspects of the Aleph system would be managed by agreement with OLIS on a pilot basis, and looking to develop workable models); (d) a proposal for changing the current Aleph consortial architecture for the shared-server SUNY libraries so that “total cost of ownership” can be reduced, both from an operating-system point of view and a management point of view.

Aleph service expectations and OLIS staffing – Project Director Maureen Zajkowski sees the work of the Shared Systems Task Force feeding into developing guidelines for the service expectations the SUNY community has from OLIS. When those guidelines are in place, OLIS can then consider what expertise it needs to add and how.

Aleph version 18 upgrade – OLIS realizes that while the version 16 upgrade was a success, after the intensity of the past summer for OLIS and Itec and the campuses, which in turn followed over a year of preparation, that the version 16 upgrade is not the model that later SUNY shared-server upgrades can use for the future. So, given the timeframe needed for the Shared Services Task Force to deliver its recommendations, for SAC to decide on directions, and for OLIS to implement changes, the next Aleph upgrade for shared-server campuses will come “beyond summer 2007”.

SUNY Digital Library Plan – The subcommittee delivered a draft plan for a SUNY Digital Library to SAC for discussion. The Advisory Council decided to push back the timeframe to the 2007-2008 fiscal year, to re-visit the fiscal plan options and fine tune the plan in other ways, and to develop some strategies for advocating the plan with campus presidents and other parts of the SUNY community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ritchie
SUNYLA representative to SAC
9/19/06

5.6 NYLink-Ann Gunning



B. Drew raised the issue about the recent release of WorldCat.org to the general public on the internet, despite the fact that as member libraries, we pay for the WorldCat interface, and input the records. Ann agreed to take the issues raised back to the NYLink Council.

Nylink Liaison Report

SUNYLA EXECUTIVE BOARD / COUNCIL MEETING
September 22, 2006

Announcements

Several **new members** have joined Nylink in recent months. Please welcome the Poet's House in New York City, Medaille College in Buffalo, the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism in New York City, and the Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY), also in New York City. What wonderful and diverse collections they offer!

LAND [Libraries and Nylink Deliver], Nylink's statewide ground delivery service, underwent a major expansion recently with the addition of several new libraries. New LAND participants include the New York State Library, all City University of New York [CUNY] campuses [20 CUNY libraries], two campuses of Adelphi University, and Cazenovia College. These new additions further increase the depth and breadth of library collections amongst LAND participants. Visit the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.org/land/land.htm> for information about LAND, including a participant list and information about becoming a participant.

Jon Penn, Nylink Resource Sharing Librarian, has been appointed as the Nylink consultant to the **SUNY Borrowing Task Force**. Jon also gave a presentation on "Auto Deflection of OCLC ILL Requests" at the IDS (Information Delivery Services) conference August 8-9 at SUNY Geneseo.

Nylink announces the third annual **Nylink Achievement Awards** to recognize member libraries. You are encouraged to submit nominations to provide recognition and show appreciation to Nylink member institutions that make significant contributions to Nylink, library cooperation or library collaboration. The nomination solicitation process will remain open until Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Visit <http://nylink.org/about/ncawards.htm> for additional information and the nominations form.

Educational Services [<http://nylink.org/training.htm>]

Nylink classes, online workshops and webinars are scheduled through December 2006 and plans are being finalized for the January-June calendar. Seats are available for many of our upcoming classes. See <http://nylink.org/training/classes.htm> for a complete listing of classes by location and to register online.

Nylink is pleased to present our **fall conference series**. Join your colleagues in gaining practical knowledge and skills that you can utilize right away. For more conference information, go to our web site at <http://nylink.org>.

- October 5, 2006: **Emergency Preparedness: Presented by the Northeastern Document Conservation Center**, 9:30-3:30, Nazareth College, Rochester
- November 8, 2006: **Weeding A-Z**: 9:00-12:00, SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica

Call for Poster Sessions:

The **Nylink Information Showcase** returns to New York City on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at the Hotel Pennsylvania (across from Penn Station). Once again, we are calling on our members to present poster sessions as a way to share and learn from one

another. Poster session proposals are due September 29. For more information, please go to http://nylink.org/showcase/poster_info.htm. The main Information Showcase page is accessible at <http://nylink.org/showcase/default.htm>.

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Products and Services

Nylink has partnered with **bLogistics** to offer a new and exciting service. bLogistics provides creative solutions by **assisting libraries with the sale of books and media assets** via multiple internet sales channels. Libraries ship surplus materials to bLogistics who handles all of the sales and logistics details for the library such as physically sorting and storing received inventory, maintaining online accounts on all major media product channels, pricing all listings, packing and shipping all outgoing orders, managing returns and refunds, as well as coordinating the donating and recycling of all unsold material. Each month, libraries will receive a monthly sales report and net payments via Nylink. To learn more about this Nylink member service and how your institution can participate, please visit Nylink's web site at <http://nylink.org/blogistics/default.htm>.

Nylink and the **Copyright Clearance Center** are pleased to offer Nylink members a discount on the CCC Transactional Reporting Service (TRS) processing fee. This fee, normally \$3.00 per granted TRS transaction, will be reduced to \$1.00 per transaction. A one-time \$75.00 administration fee will be assessed to each library taking advantage of the discount. For more information and a participation form, please go to the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.org/RR/copyright.htm>.

Nylink members can take advantage of a **Serials Solutions** special, limited time "premium service offer" and combine it with a new Nylink member discount rate. Available through September 30 for members, Serials Solutions' "premium service offer" enables libraries to make initial purchases to Serials Solutions' ERMS, Central Search, Article Linker, and/or Full MARC Records services and have their 12-month subscriptions run through December 31, 2007. You can also take advantage of the new 18% Nylink member discount. Available to new and existing subscribers, the new discount can be applied to Serials Solutions' complete suite of services, including its "premium" services and its Access & Management Suite (AMS). Other discounts, such as those available for community colleges and the multi-service purchasers, are also available. More about Nylink's Serials Solutions offer is online at <http://nylink.org/coop/sersol.htm>.

OCLC eSerials Holdings and Serials Solutions: Now available to OCLC member libraries is the eSerials Holdings service—an efficient, cost-effective way to make your electronic content more visible and accessible. Working in partnership with serials management providers such as Serials Solutions, OCLC automatically sets and maintains your electronic serials holdings information at the journal title level against existing electronic serials MARC records in WorldCat. OCLC is offering the new service at no charge to member libraries; Serials Solutions participation is free for existing libraries that subscribe to any of their e-resource access and management services. Find out more about the OCLC/Serials Solutions connection at <http://nylink.org/coop/OCLCss.htm>.

WorldCat.org: In August, OCLC released the WorldCat.org web site which makes the complete WorldCat database available to the public for locating items in libraries. WorldCat.org builds on the success of OCLC's Open WorldCat Program that has elevated the visibility of library materials on the open Web through such partner sites as Google and Yahoo! Search. The main feature of the new WorldCat.org site is the WorldCat search box. As in Open WorldCat, each linked search result leads to a "Find in a Library" information page. From there, users can enter geographic information such as a zip or postal code, receive a list of nearby libraries that own the item, and link right to a library's online catalog record to initiate circulation activity or access electronic content directly. To search WorldCat via WorldCat.org and to download the search box, go to <http://worldcat.org>. For a detailed FAQ on WorldCat.org and the Open WorldCat Program, go to <http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/web/faq/default.htm>.

Xreferplus, featuring aggregated content from more than 200 reference books and 50 publishers, with 2 million entries covering such subjects as medicine, art, technology and more, is offering an **extended trial for Nylink members through October 31**. To request a trial, please contact Jen Stelling at Nylink (stellingj@nylink.org) or David Waters at Xrefer (david.water@xrefer.com) and they will set up your customized trial. (Please note: IP-authenticated trials are preferred). Xrefer is also offering two webinars: session one is Tuesday, September 26, at 3:00 pm; session two is Tuesday, October 3, at 11:00 am. If you attend a webinar or a demonstration of Xrefer during the trial period, Xrefer will give your institution an additional 5% promotional discount off the already discounted Nylink price if you subscribe by November 1. For more information, please go to the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.org/coop/xref.htm>.

Submitted by Ann Gunning, Member Services Librarian, Nylink

5.7 NY3Rs- Nancy Howe

5.8 OLIS-John Schumacher

John reported that Carey Hatch was temporarily appointed half time as the SUNY Learning Network director.

SUNY Office of Library and Information Services

Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
John Schumacher (john.schumacher@suny.edu)
September 22, 2006

SUNYConnect LMS

- All 61 SUNYConnect libraries have implemented the ALEPH LMS. Kudos to all involved in reaching this milestone.
- An official "launch" of SUNYConnect was held on August 8, 2006. https://www.hvcc.edu/news_events/newsstory.php?id=4297 includes a press release, photo gallery and web cast for the event.
- All of the SUNYConnect campuses (on shared systems) have been upgraded to v16.
- Work is underway on adding Buffalo's catalog to the union catalog (<http://136.223.18.41:8080/F>). The system currently contains library holdings for 60 SUNYConnect institutions. The current schedule has Buffalo included by November.
- Entries in the union catalog now include cover art, table of contents, summary and annotations, first chapters and choice reviews from Syndetics. This addition should be in place for all the local (shared systems) catalogs (at no additional charge for the first year) sometime around mid-October.
- Members of the OLIS staff have been establishing parameters and related details to a proposed pilot program offering centrally managed ALEPH-related services.
- Thanks to Brockport for their efforts related to the "User 2 User" ALEPH meeting.
- The SUNYAUG meeting is October 9, 2006 at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (<http://library.morrisville.edu/sunyaug>).

Electronic Resources

- Thanks to about 40 of the SUNYConnect libraries the Opposing Viewpoints database is available to all SUNYConnect participants.

- EBSCO and Baker & Taylor have made the Book Index with Reviews database available free of charge through June of 2007. OLIS has pricing information for this resource if libraries are interested. Access the resource via <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=bir>
- Information and links to technical support and other support-related resources for the *SUNYConnect* databases can be found at <http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/refrestechsup.htm>
- EBSCO has indicated that they are available (upon request) to provide training and other consultations related to their electronic resources. Additional EBSCO resources follow:

Title lists -

<http://www.epnet.com/titleLists.php?topicID=380&tabForward=titleLists&marketID=>

Support -

<http://support.epnet.com/>

Training & Training Materials -

<http://support.ebsco.com./training/index.php>

Online Tutorials -

<http://support.epnet.com/training/tutorials.php>

Free materials (promotion, support, training) -

http://support.ebsco.com./support_news/detail.php?id=253&t=h

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(Sales) Ed Roche 518-496-0079, 800-653-2726 x 569 or eroche@epnet.com

SUNY Digital Repository

- More than 150 additional titles (in full text) have been added to the SUNY Press collection in the SUNY Digital Repository. The collection now includes 628 electronic books (<http://dSPACE.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/17>).

BioMed Central

- Please let people at your campus know that SUNY has an institutional membership in BioMed Central (<http://www.biomedcentral.com>) through March 2007. This membership allows authors at SUNY state operated institutions to submit articles to this publisher of over 100 open access journals (membership fee covers editing and peer review management charges). Thanks to the SUNY Health Science Centers and to the NYS-UUP Joint Labor Management Committee for their assistance in this regard.

SUNY-wide Committees/Task Forces

- The following SUNY-wide groups have been formed or in the process of being formed: Electronic Resources Evaluation Team, SUNY Borrowing Task Force, Task Force on ALEPH Shared Services, SUNY Digital Repository Advisory Group, and a task force related to new technologies and *SUNYConnect*.

SUNYConnect Information / Resources

- For additional information about *SUNYConnect* <http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/>
<http://sefer.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/olis/sunergy/default.htm>

- Additional resources:
 “SUNY ALEPH500 Portal” <http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/aleph/>
 “SFX Implementation Portal” <http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/sfx>
 “SUNYConnect Service and Support Portal”
<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/service>

5.9 UUP-John Schumacher

UUP Liaison Report

John Schumacher (Central@uupmail.org)
 SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
 September 22, 2006



United University Professions (UUP) is the union representing more than 31,000 faculty and professionals on 29 State University of New York campuses, plus the New York State Theatre Institute. UUP is affiliated with the New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

Contract Negotiations

- Welcome to UUP President William Scheuerman, Patty Bentley (Plattsburgh) and other invited guests. Bill has designated Fred Floss (UUP Vice-president) as UUP's Chief Negotiator. Patty is a member of the Negotiations Team. Thanks to all of them and the rest of the team for their efforts. John Schumacher is a member of the UUP Negotiations Committee.
- More information, pictures/bios of the Team members can be found at
<http://www.uupinfo.org/voice/sep/06/0906p3.pdf>
<http://www.uupinfo.org/voice/sep/06/0906p4.pdf>
<http://www.uupinfo.org/voice/sep/06/0906p5.pdf>
- SUNYLA members (in UUP) are urged to make their opinions known in regards to bargaining priorities for the next contract. You will be receiving a survey (probably in October), with a request to fill in the survey via a web interface. The schedule for the campus visits by the Team is found at <http://www.uupinfo.org/negotiationsvisits.doc> Or use the printed suggestion form for this purpose. Members are urged to include personal, anecdotal evidence that supports or illustrates your particular point.
- SUNYLA Ad Hoc Equity Committee report *Equity: A Call to Action* is available at <http://www.sunyla.org/board/equityAdHoc1.pdf> The associated SUNYLA resolution is at <http://www.sunyla.org/board/equityAdHoc2.pdf>

UUP / SUNY Equity Study

- Jaime Dangler (Cortland) is working with UUP on an equity/family leave study. A copy of the latest SUNYLA Salary Survey has been sent to her attention. Jaime can be reached via danglerj@cortland.edu

Early Retirement Incentive / Pension Equity

- Governor Pataki has vetoed the early retirement incentive. UUP has actively sought pension equity for members in the Optional Retirement Plan (employee contribution paid by the state after 10 years of service). The governor vetoed that bill as well. UUP is confident that its efforts for pension equity will pay off for members in the future.

Improved Benefits

- Preventative and diagnostic dental care (exams, x-rays, cleaning, emergency pain relief, etc.) is now covered 100% (had been 80%). Basic restorative dental care (fillings, etc.) is now covered at an 80% rate (had been 60%).
<http://www.uupinfo.org/voice/sep/06/0906p14.pdf>

Delegate Assembly

- The UUP Fall Delegate Assembly will be held in Rochester September 29-30, 2006.

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7. New Business

Contract Negotiations

The Executive Board welcomed UUP representatives Bill Scheuerman (President UUP), Patty Bentley (Plattsburgh), Jaime Dangler (Cortland), and Ellen Patterson (Cortland). There was general discussion on the contract negotiations process and the equity talking points compiled by the Ad Hoc Equity Committee.

Consensus was that the negotiating team should bring the concept of equity to the table. The issues that had highest priority for Librarians in UUP were:

1. Salary
2. Academic Year
3. Rank

Bill Scheuerman suggested that UUP be given flexibility in negotiating the priority issues at the table.

A task group was formed to formulate a unified proposal for UUP to bring to the table. Volunteers on the task group were: Bill Drew, John Schumacher, Joe Petrick, Ron Foster, Mark Wildman and Marianne Hebert.

SUNYAUG/SUNYLA Merger

Dave Ritchie proposed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee that would coordinate the next SUNYAUG conference, and develop a charge and proposal for bylaw changes to form a new "SUNYAUG/SUNYLA" Committee to be voted on in the April elections.

Mark Wildman appointed the Ad Hoc Committee.

Next Meeting Dec. 1st in Albany.