

Library and Information Science for Transportation - ABG40 (LIST) Conference Call Wednesday, September 14, 2011

On the call: Jennifer Boteler, Paul Burley, John Cherney, Bob Cullen, Rita Evans (recorder), Sheila Hatchell, David Jared, Lisa Loyo, Steve Pepin, Jennifer Rosales, Birgitta Sandstedt, Roberto Sarmiento, Sue Sillick, Mary Ellen Tucker, Ken Winter (chair)

2:00 Welcome and thanks from the Chair (Winter)
New LIST member: Lisa Pogue, Homeland Security and Analysis Division

2:05 Approve Minutes from July 11, 2011 meeting (Winter)
Steve Pepin asked about Research Coordinator position for TRB committees. While some discussion took place at the midyear meeting, this topic was not discussed during the LIST Committee meeting and therefore is not in the minutes. Ken will forward a document about this to append to the minutes. Sue Sillick will serve in as the Research Coordinator for LIST and David Jared will assist. July 11 minutes approved.
Action item – Ken to forward document about Research Coordinators to committee.
Action item – Rita to send corrected minutes to John Cherney for posting.

2:10 Announcements (Open mic)
Next LIST Meeting: TRB Annual Meeting (January 22-26, 2012, Washington DC)
Registration open at: <http://www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting2012/AnnualMeeting2012.aspx>

2:20 MEETING FOCAL POINT: LIST NEEDS A NEW CHAIR – NOMINATIONS DUE NOW! (Winter)
Nominations were requested at summer meeting and via e-mail this summer. If you don't nominate a new chair now you might not have a committee after January 2012.

TRB prefers to have new chair identified in time so he/she can work with chair for a year; LIST has missed that opportunity. Ken will be heavily involved with incoming chair and plans on staying on committee. New chair will take over in April 2012. Three nominations received so far, none are self-nominations.

2:40 Review TRB Annual Conference programming:
1. Speaker session: Ken thanked Mary Ellen Tucker and John Cherney for working on the Digitization in Transportation Libraries: Where We Are, Where We're Going session. Matt Barrett, LACMTA, Amanda Wilson, NTL, and Roberto Sarmiento, Northwestern University, will be on the panel.
NTKN Digitization Working Group has completed survey design asking about digitization projects and will send it shortly
2. Poster session: Jennifer Boteler reported that only two submissions have been received and the committee is looking for more proposals.
3. Workshop co-sponsor: Sandy Tucker is working with Conduct of Research Committee on Intellectual Property workshop on Sunday, 9-12, Hilton.

2:45 Other Issues?

Rita said that the ITS Library space has been targeted by some of the institute's research groups and the library collection may be substantially downsized.

NTL is exploring remote storage with a capacity of 500,000 volumes.

Roberto asked about status of the LIST website (<http://sites.google.com/site/trblist/>). Ken will check in with Kendra Levine who is working on updating the site.

Ken briefly talked about issue of downsizing libraries as they move to more digital content. VTRIC no longer catalogs or collects print copies of state DOT reports; they use the NTIS database which has excellent content. Bill McGahee at NTIS has contacted Ken about participating in digital-on-demand project; looking for recommendations for five reports/week to be

digitized. NTIS will provide electronic copy to source agency. Jennifer said the FHWA Library has been participating for a few months and said that the FHWA Library no longer catalogs print items if there is a stable URL.

Roberto expressed concern about reports made available thru TRID which haven't been cataloged. Public may be losing access to these documents. Rita disagreed, saying the public has just as much access to material in TRID as they do to items listed in a catalog.

Ken said we may need to organize a roundtable or other forum for further discussion. Rita noted that the RAC/TKN Task Force has formed a small working group to follow up on discussion of research report distribution, collection, access and preservation and that could be a mechanism for pursuing these issues. Ken will contact them.

3:00 Adjourn