

Following are the minutes of the CALC Spring Meeting, May 15, 2003

Tom Connole hosted seventeen representatives of CALC libraries at the Lakewood campus of Red Rocks Community College: Mary Hickey, Susan Anthes, Carol Dickerson, Jeanne Gardner, Tom Connole, Tom Riedel, Leslie Manning, David Gleim, Gary Pitkin, Valerie Horton, Rick Forsman, George Jaramillo, Malcolm Brantz, Yuliya Lef, Tony Moffet, Kendra Swope, and Candace Havly. Brenda Bailey-Hainer participated in the discussion and answered numerous questions about state funding. Attending by Pictel were Kay Knudsen and Craig Larson.

The group engaged in an open discussion of the draft statewide resource sharing plan, suggested priorities for dire times, loss of the regional service systems, implications for continuation of courier service, and renewal of database access. It was explained that the courier had only been subsidized to a limited extent in a few regional systems, so that costs for the coming year are likely to increase by 10% and then 15% the following year. The CCLS Board has committed to continuing a staff member who could handle the courier contract and oversight.

The group agreed that:

1. It was acceptable to discontinue supporting local needs with LSTA funds.
2. The 3 top academic priorities for statewide resource sharing are: courier, databases and payment for lending.
3. There is also support (although less vital) for other statewide priorities if possible: maintaining local consortia, CVL, SWIFT; training can be dropped.
4. Payment for lending is an imperative for the academic library community to be able to continue supplying requested items, otherwise increased rationing will occur and lending volume will have to decline. (Rationing occurs via setting an arbitrary limit on the number of items loaned per day, the number of requests a user can place per day, a charge to fill a request, or the amount of time it takes for a library to actually process a request.) Small and medium libraries said payment is essential for them, and CALC therefore cannot support a program that reimburses only 'star' lenders. CALC wants direct input into any new PFL program and rules thereof. Reimbursement in the future must be at a realistic level, not the token payments made previously. CALC will not support restoring the CRC, which favored some libraries and was seen as being very unfair to others.

Leslie Manning will offer a one-day pre-conference at the CAL October meeting on using the "@ your library" theme to promote academic libraries.

Rick Forsman congratulated new officers Tom Connole, Carol Dickerson and Valerie Horton, and thanked outgoing officers Beth Avery and Jo Ann Kruglet along with Nominating Committee members Diane Machado and Ivan Gaetz. Rick will send Nancy Bolt a report on the agreements reached by the group [done on May 19].

The fall CALC meeting will be held in September at the PASCAL (Preservation and Access Service Center for Colorado Academic Libraries) facility on the UCHSC Fitzsimons campus in Aurora, probably beginning in the morning.