

**Colorado Academic Library Consortium  
(CALC)  
General Meeting, Fall 2004  
Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, CO.**

**November 22, 2004  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Present:

In person:

Carol Dickerson, Chair, Colorado College  
Tom Connole, Host, Red Rock Community College  
Catherine Murray-Rust, Board Member, Colorado State University  
Ivan Gaetz, Board Member/Minutes, Regis University  
Roger Stelk, Front Range Community College  
Kendra Swope, Otero Junior College  
Valerie Horton, CLiC (Colorado Library Consortium)  
Brenda- Bailey-Hainer, Colorado State Library  
Leslie Manning, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
Rick Forsman, University of Colorado, Health Sciences  
Gary Pitkin, University of Northern Colorado  
David Gleim, Auraria Campus, University of Colorado, Denver, etc.  
Alan Charnes, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries  
Mary Hickey, University of Denver  
Keith Lance, Colorado State Library, Library Research Service  
Don Dickenson, Colorado State Library, Library Research Service  
Annie Fox, Front Range Community College, Ft. Collins

Via Pictel (3 sties):

Jane Abbot, Pikes Peak Community College (#1)  
Kay Knudsen, Pike Peak Community College (#1)  
Jeanne Gardner, Pueblo Community College (#1)  
Rhonda Gonzales, Colorado State University, Pueblo (#1)  
Candace Havelly, Northeastern Junior College (#2)  
Elizabeth Brodak, Mesa State (#3)  
Beth Avery, Western State (#3)

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Round Robin.**

Chair, Carol Dickerson, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Introductions and institutional updates and reports were provided first by representatives via Pictel and then by those attending in person. As decided following the last

general meeting in August, no written record of the reports will be circulated in the minutes. This will allow for more free-flowing reporting and discussion.

## **2. Update on Statistics Project**

Keith Lance, Colorado State Library, Library Research Service, presented a detailed account of the development of a major research project designed to determine and document the impact academic libraries have on the learning experience of students.

Input was sought by Lance on the development of the proposed survey. It remains to be decided if the survey will be largely qualitative or quantitative in nature. Discussion centered on sample size, sample quality and the commensurate use of the results and the ramifications of the survey.

Lance asked each institution to consider its potential involvement in the survey. Any academic library that would participate should be prepared to devote some staff and faculty time to the administration of the survey, and be prepared to expedite as much as possible the institution's processes regarding human subjects research policies. There would be limited involvement at the institutional level by personnel from the State Library.

One possible sample configuration would be three academic libraries from each of the three categories: university, community college and junior college. There was further discussion on whether the survey should include graduate and undergraduate students, or to survey these groups as distinct entities, or to focus solely on undergraduate students. It was felt generally that the survey should focus primarily on undergraduate students since 1) this group is found in all of the institutions in question, and 2) this would be a reasonable way to make the survey and study more manageable.

Considerable discussion ensued as to whether the survey should be more focused and in-depth, or be more general and "thinner" in its questions.

The anticipated time-line of the survey is as follows:

January – February:	Finalization of the survey and institutional clearance
March – April:	Administering the survey
Summer-Fall, 2005	Assessing results and composing the final report

[A break in the discussion was called: 12:10 -12:20]

Discussion resumed on if and how existing data gathered by various libraries can be used in a report on the role and effectiveness of libraries in student outcomes. While these data may be helpful, Lance pointed out how important it is to limit the focus of this particular survey.

By mid-December, the Statistics Committee of CALC (Carol Dickerson, Roger Stelk, George Jaramillo (CSU), and Leslie Manning) will meet with Lance and others in the Library Research Branch to provide a final articulation of input in the survey/study from academic libraries. Lance will then finalize the structure, scope and focus of the survey and move it forward.

### **3. Proposed Academic Library “Futures Summit”**

Gaetz reported on discussions at the last CALC Board Meeting (October 5<sup>th</sup>) regarding the suggestion that CALC organize a conference that explores the changing face of higher education (funding, course delivery, etc), and the increasing effect this has on academic librarianship. It was decided at the Board Meeting to have this initiative, sparked by the concerns and interests of Rick Forsman, be the focus of CALC for the Spring of 2005, and to see what additional support there might be in other sectors of the academic library community.

To determine broader potential support, a meeting was held with Rick Forsman, Alan Charnes, Brenda Bailey-Hainer and Ivan Gaetz. Along with sharing ideas on what such a conference might entail, it became clear that there would be strong support, in principle, by the Alliance and the State Library for this type of conference.

Gaetz presented to the meeting an outline of issues and logistics that could be considered. A great deal of discussion ensued as to possible topics, speakers, scope, outcomes, and so forth, of such a conference. Notes of the discussion have been added to the outline of issues, and will be discussed further at an ad hoc committee to formalize a proposed conference.

In addition to those entities mentioned in the outline, other potential partners in such a conference could include:

- Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC)
- Other States (Wyoming, New Mexico)
- The Marmot consortium of libraries
- BCR
- OCLC

An ad hoc planning committee was formed, consisting of:

- Gary Pitkin, UNC
- Valerie Horton, CLiC
- Carol Dickerson, CC
- Annie Fox, FRCC, Ft. Collins
- Rick Forsman, UCHS
- Alan Charnes, Alliance

Brenda Bailey-Hainer, State Library  
Catherine Murray-Rust (as she is able to meet)  
Ivan Gaetz, Regis

The first planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Alliance Headquarters (3801 East Florida Ave, Denver CO).

#### **4. CLiC Update**

The newly-appointed, and first, Director of the Colorado Library Consortium, Valerie Horton, reported on recent activities of CoLAB (the Colorado Library Advisory Board) that serves as an advisory group for the State Library.

It was first noted that CoLAB functions as a “superstructure” representing library interests in matters of public policy and funding.

Secondly, CoLAB currently is engaged in strategic planning, being at an early stage of data gathering. A survey has been released that will obtain information pertaining to 12 areas of library resources and services.

#### **5. State Library Update**

Brenda Bailey-Hainer provided a summary and update of recent activities of the State Library:

- a. There is needed a new academic library representative for CoLAB: CALC members are encouraged to contact Brenda with names of potential candidates.
- b. State Librarian, Nancy Bolt, retires April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Replacement plans have not yet been finalized, and a task force has been formed to help in this process. A mega-party is planned by way of farewell. This event will include a roast, and persons wishing to participate in the roast should contact Brenda.
- c. Jill Koelling has been hired recently as the new Director of the Colorado Digitization Program. She will be contacting members and potential members in the near future for an introductory meeting.
- d. A summary of the LSTA Project Expenditures for 2004-2005 was distributed. Seventeen projects were funding totaling \$652,240.
- e. CoLAB is finalizing its annual report, a copy of which will be distributed to CALC in due course. Along with the activities of 2004, it will outline the goals for 2005.

## **6. More CLiC Update**

Valerie Horton continued her report of CLiC. Being newly formed, it is important that the mission of the group be clear. Its goals are:

- a. To provide technological support to libraries;
- b. To provide and enhance various library services to the libraries and communities (such as managing the Courier Service);
- c. To support, largely through funding, continuing education opportunities and initiatives.

## **7. Report from AIRS Committee**

Leslie Manning reported on various developments in State-wide cooperation in resource purchasing. The most recent suite of databases to be purchased is "Communication and Mass Media Complete," and consists of a many full-text online journals. Free access is offered until January 1, 2005, after which 13 Colorado Libraries have agreed to participate in the purchase.

## **8. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

Chair Dickerson will establish in due course the date for the next CALC general meeting. Thanks was expressed to host Tom Connole for providing the venue and lunch for this meeting.

Adjourned at 1:50 p.m.