CAG Annual Report – 2007

Current Members: Marianne Hawkins (UCD), Jason Schulz (UCSD), Eric Scott (RSC), Claudia Jimenez (UCSB), Mary Weppler-Selear (UCM), Sarah Troy (UCSC), John Bareford (UCI), Andy Panado (UCSF, Chair Elect), Val Rom-Hawkins (UCLA), Sharla Desens (UCR), Mark Marrow (UCB), Jutta Weimhoff (NRLF), Jon Edmondson (Chair, SRLF)

CAG Meeting recap:

The annual CAG meeting was held in UC Merced on March 28, 2007 and the annual UC Circheads meeting was held the next day.

After some housekeeping issues, CAG heard Eric Forte's report from RSC. The main topic was the BSTF report. It was noted that a part of this is the idea of a single circ system and catalog for all the UC's. OCLC is also in partnership on this project, with the goal of helping to provide a single OPAC for the UC. Obviously, this project is a major undertaking.

A parallel was drawn to the implementation of VDX, the UC-wide resource sharing program. VDX implementation had many challenges, and is still not fully implemented in the UC's after several years. It is hoped BSTF implementation will go more smoothly, but it is much larger in scope.
Eric pointed out that this project is rapidly evolving, and that CAG would have more of a role in its evolution.

CAG then reviewed minutes rotation and went over the duties of the Chair, Chair Elect and Host of the annual meeting, and we developed goals and objectives for 2007.

Jack Neves from UCSD proposed a symposium at UCSD for emergency preparedness and disaster planning, where UC's could compare plans and share ideas to be better prepared. This was presented at UC Circheads the next day.

Andy Panado was selected as Chair Elect, and the 2008 meeting will be held in UC San Diego.

Update on Goals for 2006-2007:

1. Continue to maintain updated contact information.
   The CAG website is currently up to date.
2. Continue to update policy information.
   New policies continue to be added to the site; this is an ongoing process.
3. Continue to use the email listserve to share information.
   The listserve is also up to date, and is used regularly for the group to compare policies. Vince Novoa has kindly agreed to keep updating the listserve after leaving CAG.
4. Continue to review circulation policies related to external users.
   This is ongoing.
5. Continue to host information workshops fostering exchange of ideas. The following topics were discussed at UC Circheads in Merced:

Follow up discussion on Reserves changes at UCSB: This brought a lot of interest at the CAG meeting in 2006, so was reviewed more thoroughly at the 2007 meeting. See Circheads 2007 minutes for more details.

UCM Tour of Kolligian Library, including RFID demo: The tour was a great success, lead by Eric Scott. Photos of the tour were distributed to the group later by Andy Panado.

Presentation on Billing Practices: The group got to compare our billing policies, and discovered just how different they were from campus to campus.

Presentation on Emergency Plans and Disaster Practices: Jack Neves and Gina McCollough from UCSD gave a very comprehensive presentation and distributed a pack of information.

Goals for 2007:

1. Continue to keep website and listserve up to date.
2. The BSTF report and Public Services Workshop held in Oakland and hosted by SOPAG on August 27 should bring more feedback from RSC in 2007 and into 2008. CAG will be on hand to gather information or take direction on these subjects.

3. Continue to develop the Emergency and Disaster Preparedness workshop with direction from RSC as to who is appropriate to bring into this symposium and keep on any listserves. CAG thinks this is a valuable resource to develop.

Presentations for next year's UC Circheads Meeting:
1. Job Descriptions. How they could be consistent for the LA series and student positions across the campuses, how different campuses arrange them, and could we keep some kind of outline for them posted on the CAG website.
2. Supervising Students. A presentation on advice from campuses, what problems are common, retention, etc.
3. Staff Technical Training Needs. These are, of course, rapidly evolving, and staff need to keep up with the changes.

Submitted by Jon Edmondson, CAG Chair, 2007.