Meeting Minutes/Summary

October 2007 Members Council Meeting

Group Name: ___Small Academic LG_____

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Have the minutes been reviewed by the group chair? Yes <u>X</u>   No ☐

Meeting minutes should be concise (not exceed two pages), summarize major discussion points, and be reviewed and approved by the group chair. **Recorders, please email your meeting minutes to Bunny Gunderson (**gundersb@oclc.org**) by the** close of business on Tuesday, November 6.

Attending:

<u>Monday, October 22, 2007</u>.

October 22nd, 2007.

1. Pam Snelson, Palinet
2. Sherrie Bergman, Nelinet
3. Susan Asell, Nelinet
4. Micaela Chavez, OCLC LAC
5. Erlene Dudley, MLNC
6. Glen Patton, OCLC
7. Robert Shupe, Amigos
8. Kathy Schneider, WILS
9. Jamie Larrue, BCR
10. Sheryl Taylor, BCR
11. Gerry Stevens, OCLC Board
12. Daniel Boivin, OCLC Canada
13. Randy Dykhuis, MLC
14. Michael Lacroix, Nebase
15. Bill De John, Minitex
16. Ethelle S Bean, Minitex

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1) Which idea heard so far really excites you?
   - WorldCat Local, because have lots of problems locally needing to be solved. If we add the OCLC Pica experience of managing ILS, looks like OCLC is in an even better position to deliver a better user experience with WorldCat Local. The delegates feel that this will improve accessibility and sustainability.
   - Be able to have a virtual catalog through WC Local is attractive. Allows also to give not just a local view but possibly a regional view and this is very attractive.

- Some would not mind at all seeing OCLC becoming a player within the ILS world. Talked about cooperatively developing an open source solution to link various content and/or ILS and OCLC is well positioned for this.
- Avatar that could bring a new approach to serve users on the Web.
- Registry of API, Stephen's idea, would save time and money to libraries.
- Delegates felt that WebJunction is an underutilized tool. How about linking it to open source initiative to help manage them, at least?
- Help the network reinvent themselves. Some of those open source initiative might be a way to do so.
- Assure products are more accessible through hand held devices. Ex. Because eAudio does not work with iPods, this is an issue. OCLC needs to fix this with Apple!!!!

2) Never or no way ideas:
   - Nothing is mentioned.

3) Something overlooked:
   - Open Access publishing movement was not mentioned at all and plays a growing role.
   - Learning styles of students coming out. Not much said.

4) Top issues for this group in their library:
   - Space
   - Inter-operability
   - In LAC, challenges to integrate various existing catalog into Aleph.
   - Technical support
   - Engaging students
   - Dollars

5) How about this group:
   - The group struggle defining itself. Is a library considered small based on its FTE, budget or else? Does it make a difference to split groups this way? Maybe this needs to be redefined or it may not be a useful entity. Some people preferred having a larger group to hear from other perspectives.

Recommended Agenda Items for Next Meeting: