

Members Council February 2003
Interest Group
Discussion Summary Report

Name of Group: Resource Sharing Interest Group

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1. Summary of topics & discussions

Policies and Technology Directory

RSIG reaction to the policies directory continues to be very positive though the name is confusing (too ahead of its current functionality). ILL policy information for non-members is through a paper-based product that is both expensive and 18 or more months out-of-date. OCLC member libraries need access to policy information for both member and non member libraries, the directory should be extended to non-member. Groups should be encouraged to add records for their members (could be machine transfer).

Direct to end user delivery

While it might actually be cheaper for materials to go directly to end users (no need for staff handling) libraries are not yet ready to deliver physical items directly to end users except for distance learners, even so the preference is to deliver to a 3rd location where the end-user has privileges. It is important to most libraries that the relationship remain library-to-library, not library-to-end-user. Liability and responsibility for the material must be clear.

2. List **3-4 significant issues** that the group wants to communicate to Members Council and OCLC.

OCLC needs to promote and leverage IFM.

OCLC needs to promote and facilitate cross-border resource sharing. Libraries need to know who is willing to supply.

OCLC should consider hosting a server to help facilitate delivery of e-content.

3. Remembering that OCLC's role is to be the leading global library cooperative, which of the issues in #2 are most urgent and why?

OCLC should host a server for e-documents to facilitate delivery to member libraries. E-content should be delivered as a URL within the body of the request or, as e-mail to the end-user.

4. Please indicate if the group feels that an issue or presentation should be presented to the full Council.

Agenda Template for Interest Groups

Day 1 meeting

- Discussion of selected topics with times

Day 2 meeting

- 5-10 minutes set aside at end of meeting for the selection of key issues to be communicated to Members Council Executive Committee and OCLC.