

**Members Council February 2003**  
**Library Group**  
**Discussion Summary Report**

**Name of Group: State Academic Libraries II**  
**Recorder: Susan Olson**

Attending members:

- Chair: Stephen Rollins, Dean, University of Alaska – Anchorage (OCLC Western)
- OCLC Liaison: George Needham, OCLC Member Services
- Members Council EC Liaison: Charles Kratz, Director, University of Scranton (PALINET)
- Ken Bierman, Director, Knowledge Access Mgmt, University of Nevada – Las Vegas (Amigos)
- Cliff Claviano, Head Technical Services, Bowling Green State University (OHIONET)
- Paul Dumont, Director, Dallas County Community College District (Amigos)
- Charlene Hurt, University Librarian, Georgia State University (SOLINET)
- Shirley Leung, University Librarian, Hong Kong Baptist University (OCLC Asia Pacific)
- Norma Read, University of Cape Town, South Africa (South African Transition Delegate)

Attending observers:

- Brad Baker, University Librarian, Northeastern Illinois University (OCLC Board of Trustees)
- Bill Crowe, Spencer Librarian, The University of Kansas (OCLC Board of Trustees)
- Jerry Stephens, Librarian and Director, University of Alabama – Birmingham (OCLC Board of Trustees)
- Paul Cappuzzello, OCLC Worldwide Library Services
- Cynthia Whitacre, OCLC Cataloging and Metadata Services
- Kay Covert, OCLC Corporate Marketing

**Summary of topics & discussions**

- What are implications for statewide catalogs such as developing in Georgia? One motive by some is to avoid paying OCLC transaction charges.
  - (Paul Cappuzzello discussed OCLC's group services.) Brad Baker noted that in Illinois libraries have a statewide catalog and remain committed to loading all holdings back to OCLC WorldCat. Delegates discussed the economic implications to the cooperative of groups using OCLC cataloging directly versus loading records and holdings.
  - Use and growth is not limited to commercial providers. Several libraries have developed their own versions of Z39.50 metadata harvesting programs.
3. What kind of threats does this unauthorized use of records pose to the cooperative?
- Economic threat. Loss of revenue from cataloging even if library "closes the loop" and loads holdings back to OCLC.
4. What actions should be taken by OCLC, by Networks, by libraries and/or by Members Council?
- George Needham pointed out that Members Council has already passed a resolution urging Networks to move non-complying libraries to non-member status and urging OCLC to remove technological barriers to compliance.
  - The group felt that key actions were:
    - OCLC should remove technological barriers to using WorldCat, such as slow connections and inadequate bandwidth.
    - OCLC should work to remove pricing barriers, both for small domestic libraries and libraries internationally.
    - OCLC, Networks and Members Council should continue educational activities to ensure membership understands the cultural values of the cooperative and the economic implications of unauthorized use.
    - The threat of using the copyright law should not be brought into the discussion.

projects. Need incentives to link/integrate/contribute these to WorldCat and the cooperative. (George Needham discussed the process for recognizing new forms of contribution to the cooperative.)

- Bill Crowe (Chair of OCLC Board of Trustees) noted that some might feel that OCLC is not in favor of regional cooperation, but that the issue to OCLC is rather how to connect these regional developments to make them more available.
2. List **3-4 significant issues** that the group wants to communicate to Members Council and OCLC.
- See 4 (above) for actions that should be taken on unauthorized use of records
  - Regional resource sharing projects may divert local traffic from OCLC but may also drive up all use of the system.
  - Many major digitization projects seem to be going on outside of OCLC's DPR services.