

OCLC Global Council

Action Plan for 2014-2015

Theme: Building Connections/Strengthening Collaborations

This Action Plan builds upon work undertaken in 2013-2014 by the Global Council. Delegates at the 2014 Global Council meeting participated in a series of “Timely Topics” discussions led by three facilitators. Results, compiled by OCLC’s Global and Regional Council Staff, were presented to the Global Council Executive Committee, who ranked the topics in order of importance. Once ordered, the topics were shared with members of OCLC’s Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) who were asked to take the lead in addressing the issues-thus the concept of “building connections.” The Global Council Bylaws note specific responsibilities for the Council to:

- Take a proactive role in bringing forward issues, concerns, and challenges that face the OCLC Members;
- Encourage and facilitate any OCLC operations, plans, or cooperative efforts that benefit the OCLC Members;
- Represent the interests and concerns of the OCLC Members;
- Expedite the flow of information between the Members and OCLC

The Global Council will build a connection in 2015 to OCLC’s Strategic Leadership Team. This connection will lead to collaborations that will benefit OCLC members and allow the Council to fulfill its responsibilities to the membership. The Global Council will continue to work on strengthening its collaborations with the Board and improving communication to the delegates.

Action Item 1: Global Council Executive Committee develops a working relationship with OCLC’s SLT by providing feedback to “Timely Topics” Deliverables and exploring other methods of collaboration including webinars by SLT members that explain their areas and plans for the year.

Action Item 2: Global Council members provide feedback on Timely Topics Deliverables at Fall 2014 meeting.

Action Item 3: Global Council members participate in focused, results oriented discussions at Global Council meetings that represent the interests and concerns of the OCLC members.

Action Item 4: Global Council Executive Committee provides updates to the Board about its work and the issues that arise during the Global Council meetings-thus strengthening the collaboration between the Council and the Board. Provide Skip Prichard and Rick Schwieterman with copies of Executive Committee meeting notes as a foundation for their consultations with the Board. Continue the quarterly conference calls with Skip, Sandy Yee, Council President and Vice President to ensure ongoing and productive communications.

Action Item 5: Determine meeting outcomes and assess meeting's effectiveness.

Action Item 6 Share ways that the Regional Councils engage their memberships; determine if there are unifying themes that can be coordinated annually.

Action Item 7 The Executive Committee, with input from the Regional Councils, will review annually the list of Timely Topics and determine which topics should be retained, archived, or introduced. Copy SLT on Executive Committee meeting notes to keep the OCLC administration informed about Council activities and concerns.