

RESOLUTION ON CREDITS AND INCENTIVES

1. WHEREAS, the Financial Credits Program was established in 1985 to incentive increased cataloging and resource sharing activity for North American member libraries; and
2. WHEREAS, in 2011, the Global Council's Task Force on Cost Sharing Models report called for a review of the OCLC Financial Credits Program; and
3. WHEREAS, the Global Council's Finance Committee has authorized, appointed, and monitored a Global Advisory Group to conduct this review in cooperation with OCLC management, and with the participation of OCLC Trustee Brian Schottlaender; and
4. WHEREAS, the Global Advisory Group determined that the objectives that led to the creation of the Financial Credits Program have been achieved; and
5. WHEREAS, the Global Advisory Group, in its deliberations and based on interviews and discussions with dozens of library staff and managers, has determined that "the Financial Credits Program is no longer in synch with the norms, collection management practices or member composition of the Cooperative"; and
6. WHEREAS, the Global Advisory Group recommends gradually phasing out the Financial Credits Program, beginning July 1, 2014; and
7. WHEREAS, the [Global Advisory] Group further recommends that the Cooperative support and encourage development of new mechanisms that promote and encourage cooperation, sharing and participation across member libraries across our many geographies in support of our Cooperative's mission to further access to the world's information; and
8. WHEREAS, the report of the Global Advisory Group outlines characteristics for such mechanisms; and
9. WHEREAS, these recommendations have been endorsed by the Global Council Finance Committee.
10. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Global Council concurs with the Global Council Finance Committee in endorsing the recommendations of the Global Advisory Group; and
11. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Global Council strongly endorses the report's call for an extensive communication project to communicate with the membership over the next 12 months to discuss the transition; and
12. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this endorsement be conveyed to the OCLC Board of Trustees and management for consideration and action.

Moved by Finance Committee Chair Anne Prestamo as a resolution from the Global Council Finance Committee, requiring no second.

Approved by Global Council with 40 votes in favor, none opposed, and five abstentions.