Richmond Academic Library Consortium

Minutes of Richmond Area Media Cooperative

March 14, 2006

Location:

Union Theological Seminary & PSCE, Richmond

Present:

Sheila Carrington (VSU), Chairperson; Dywana Saunders (UR), Lillian Williams (JSRCC), Sam Phillips (JSRCC), Anita Williams (VCU), Sarah Brooks (RMC), Ronald Shelton (VUU), Ann Knox (UPSCE).

- Minutes of the June 3, 2004 meeting were distributed and approved.
- Statistics for 2004-05 and information about the new RALC Union catalog on the VCU site were distributed.
- The VIVA purchase of PBS Digital Video was announced, and it was agreed that members would like to travel to JMU this summer to see how the digital streaming technology involved in this is working. Sheila Carrington will contact JMU to determine if a site visit is possible and will contact other members of the COOP for help in planning this visit. (Ronald Shelton and Anita Williams expressed willingness to help.)
- Members discussed the possibility of having professional development grants for members of COOP schools who were trying to increase their skills for their work in different media centers. We discussed asking for between $2,000 - $5,000 that could be distributed among members or people working in media centers of different schools through an application process. (An example would be a grant for a media cataloging class.) This program would be in addition to the current RALC scholarship program for paraprofessionals seeking their Library Science degree. Dywana Saunders will ask Paul Porterfield about the funds that might be available for this in the budget and will get the information to Sheila Carrington. Sheila Carrington will bring this up at the April 27, 2006 RALC meeting for inclusion in the new budget.
- Dywana Saunders reported that new COOP forms will need to be printed soon and members were asked to give her any changes that need to be made to the form. In addition, Sheila Carrington will produce an updated scheduling contact form for COOP representatives and will have it posted on the website.
Ann Knox of Union-PSCE will become chair of the Media Cooperative on July 1. Sheila will ask Nell Chennault at VCU to consider becoming secretary/president elect. In addition, Sheila will ask Virginia Cherry at RBC if she knows anything about the Cooperative files that Joy Galloni was organizing before she left.