

Legal Information Preservation Alliance

Meeting Notes
January 5, 2007

Digitization Projects

Presentations were given on two on-going digital preservation initiatives:

Rutgers Camden- Jon Jorgensen

Born Digital Collections - archiving since 1997, beginning with agreement with the judiciary

Have now converted 30,712 documents

1,000,000 downloads per year

Also doing print conversion projects

NJ session laws, constitutional documents

Congressional documents

<http://lawlibrary.rutgers.edu/gdoc/search.shtml>

Beginning now to harvest current material from GPO

Integrated into general digital collection

Beginning to digitize the law review

Metadata embedded in each document as well as mysql database.

Conversion costs close to \$.01 per page

Use open source software whenever possible

- o ImageMagick
- o Perl
- o Apache
- o Mysql
- o Linux Tiff/pdf utilities

Not free

OCR Program = Vividata OCR

Scanners

Panasonic Duplex scanner

Mekel fiche scanner

People

Rutgers Newark – Carol Roehrenbeck

New Jersey Digital Legal Library

<http://njlegalib.rutgers.edu>

Came at this after Camden

Issues:

No budget

No personnel

Choice of material

Converting:

Administrative Reports, 1st

Executive Orders

Governor's Code of Conduct

Historical statistics
Use free and open source software
Use TIFF, XML, PDF, DjVu
Swish-e to search metadata
Scanning in house plus outsourced; outsource costs about \$0.12 per page
Pilot Project
Georgetown/ Maryland State Library/ Virginia State Law Library
Project to experiment with using OCLC system to harvest material from the web.

Business Meeting

Following the bylaws we now have succession established.
Janis Johnston is the current chair.
Paul George is the Vice Chair, Chair elect.
Janis thanked Bob for getting LIPA going and for his leadership over the last few years.

Need to formalize LIPA to be able to sign contracts, have bank account, etc.
Working with Chicago attorney to incorporate LIPA
Develop a more formal set of bylaws

Search for LIPA Executive Director
Not satisfied with applicant pool
Board will review the job description and re-advertise

Bob Oakley - Financial Report:
Current balance = \$101,611.96

Paul George - OCLC Proposal
OCLC offered a discount from basic membership based on number of participants
Will continue to discuss with OCLC to try to get a better price
Need for selection policy
Volunteers – Karl Gruben, Bruce Johnson, Margie Axtmann, Janet Sinder,
Carol Roehrenbeck, Kathleen

Kent – Committee on print
Columbia has entered the information about off site holdings into LLMC database
Harvard and Yale are investigating
Chicago will join as well when their repository is complete
Questions raised about standards & participation
Possibility of a union catalog somewhere was also raised

Terry – New Business
How are publishers preserving their own information?
Need to have a discussion with commercial publishers to ascertain?

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