

Advisory Committee for the State Publications Clearinghouse

Minutes

January 10, 2011

Present: Deborah Mongeau, Greg Fascincani, Tom Evans, Colleen McConaghy, Rachel Carpenter, Betty Fitzgerald, Chaichin Chen

Minutes of the October 12, 2010 meeting were approved.

Announcements and introductions:

Karen Quinn (RISLL), Tom and Greg were awarded the grant. The Index to Acts and Resolves 1758-1899 is being digitized. Volume 1 of the set is the only copy in Rhode Island. The digitization is being done to preservation standards. The digital copy will reside on the Helin server in Digital Commons. Other material to be digitized in the future: Acts and Resolves, Court Practice Rules, Trevett v. Weeden (the Amasa Sprague case). Nothing is being destroyed with the digitization.

Update on Clearinghouse activities:

The next shipment will be out this week or next.

Discussion on General Assembly committee voting records. Some Senate committee votes are on file at the State Library. These are hand written records and not for every committee. Patrons should call first to see if the library has what they're looking for. For House

committee votes, the House Clerk's office has those votes. State Archives has some older votes. The web site Transparency Train www.transparencytrain.org has some voting records but they're not accurate. None of these records are official. Only the House and Senate Journals is the official record of any voting in the General Assembly.

The new entity catalog: there is no news on whether or not the State Library will take it over. The catalog would list agencies and be a place for them to file rules and regs, meeting notes, etc.

Other business:

Debbie asked about archiving the records of this committee. She has a bunch of material going back almost to the beginning of the committee. Tom said that the State Library would take it. She will bring in what she has to the next meeting.

There's been no news about PPL. They have dropped federal status but do they intend to keep state status? Yes for state. Debbie will call Nancy Peluso at Connecticut State Library to find out about what's going to happen to their federal collection.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Mongeau