

Advisory Committee for the State Publications Clearinghouse

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on October 11th, 2011 in the Department of Administration Building, in Conference Room B. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. The following people were present: Deborah Mongeau, Greg Facincani, Lisa Zawadzki, Chaichin Chen, and Colleen McConaghy.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Announcements and Introductions

- A five-volume document on the environmental impact of T.F. Green Airport is available at URI.**
- OLIS is working on a 5-year evaluation plan.**
- The Learning Commons at URI is under construction. Some areas of the building are not accessible.**

Update on Clearinghouse Activities

- Greg sent out a shipment of documents to member libraries**
- There was discussion on the possibility of using an online watermark on state documents. The Federal government has begun to use this system on a limited basis. The watermark authenticates the web document and would eliminate the need for a paper copy backup. The watermark would disappear if the document was altered.**

- Greg is still capturing and preserving state documents online. Any changes or updates in these documents will also be captured. The trend will continue to be fewer documents appearing in print form.**
- The State Library's catalog is not spidered by search engines. This limits access to its contents considerably. Searching in Google (or any other search engine) cannot return any results from this primary source. Users have to know of the catalog's existence on the Secretary of State's website. Searching thorough RI.gov is also not comprehensive.**
- The Committee's minutes and information on the Secretary of State's website is not up to date. The minutes are only current to 2010. Tom will look into updating this problem.**

Other Business

- A replacement for committee member Sue Dunn needs to be found. There was a suggestion that the new Adult Services Librarian at Warwick be approached about filling this gap.**
- The meeting dates for 2012 have been set. All meetings are at 2:00 p.m. at a location yet to be determined.**
 - o Monday, January 9th**
 - o Monday, April 2nd**
 - o Tuesday, July 10th**
 - o Tuesday, October 9th**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zawadzki