

Advisory Committee for the State Publications Clearinghouse

Minutes

January 9, 2012

Present: Deborah Mongeau, Greg Fascincani, Tom Evans, Jen Eibel, Chaichin Chen

Minutes of the January and October 2011 meeting were approved.

Announcements and introductions:

Jen Eibel, the new Government Publication representative from the Warwick Public Library was introduced. Jen is a reference librarian in the Warwick Public Library.

Completed digitization projects by the State Laws Library and the State Library:

- * The Index to Acts and Resolves 1758-1899**
- * Court records 1670 – mid 1700**
- * Civil war reports**
- * 1986 Constitution Conference**
- * Pension reports 1948-**

The digital copies reside on the Helin server in Digital Commons.

Construction in the University of Rhode Island Library is under way.

Deborah reported all Federal Depository libraries are required to conduct self-study with the template provided by GPO.

URI was interviewing for the position of Digitizing Librarian.

Update on Clearinghouse activities:

Print shipments to the depository libraries are fewer and farther in between since many are published online.

Publication year does not display in some titles cataloged by Greg. Greg will look into it and to consult with Martha Sanders, the Knowledge Management Librarian in HELIN, about the problem.

Deborah suggested language changes in some state publication access pages.

Next shipment expected to go out during the week of January 9, 2012.

State Library is experiencing slow to non-functional computers in the library. They hope to receive new computers to address the problem.

Constant updates of the state agency publications/serials make capturing the content a challenge. Historical information is frequently sought by librarians and legal professionals.

Other business:

New member Jen Eibel from Warwick Public Library was introduced. Jen is responsible for the state publications while Niles Madsen is in charge of the federal documents.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chaichin Chen