

Advisory Committee for the State Publications Clearinghouse

Meeting

Tuesday July 10, 2012

2:00 pm

Department of Administration Building

Private Dining Room

One Capitol Hill

Providence, RI

Present: Deborah Mongeau, Greg Facincani, Tom Evans, Jen Eibel, Lisa Zawadzki, Chaichin Chen.

Announcements and Introductions:

Committee member Betty Fitzgerald retired from Providence Public Library on July 1st of this year. The issue of filling this vacancy will be addressed at the October meeting.

The Statewide Reference Resource Center will be run by the Providence Community Library System as of July 1st of this year.

The Learning Commons at URI is almost completed. The dedication ceremonies are tentatively set for September.

Approval of the Minutes:

The April minutes could not be approved because they were not distributed. Tom will scan and e-mail them to the Committee so that they can be approved at the October meeting.

Update on Clearinghouse Activities:

Providence College has withdrawn from the State Documents Depository System.

There was a question as to the status of the state documents held by the Providence Public Library. There is concern that the library no longer has the staff or interest to maintain the collection. Also in question was the ownership of these documents; the State of Rhode Island or the library. The State Depository system did not come into existence until 1985 and Providence Public Library has state documents that precede this date. It was decided that the issue needed further research and discussion.

The Rhode Island Historical Society has received a grant to inventory historical state documents with the goal of creating a portal to available RI historical digital collections.

A shipment of state documents will be sent out soon.

On-demand state documents were discussed. Rather than

automatically receiving titles, the depository libraries could choose from a list.

Some state agencies have been making their older publications available on their web sites. Many of these documents are not accessible through RI.gov, and are therefore hard to find.

Redistricting maps have been captured from the 2012 Redistricting web site. They are currently stored on the State Library server and can be burned to disc as needed. The Redistricting web site will be taken down by the General Assembly / Election Data Services at some point but the electronic maps will still be available from the State Library.

Scott at the University of Rhode Island Library had requested that some records be fixed but never received a response. Greg never saw the initial inquiry and will respond as soon as possible.

The post of Historian Laureate of Rhode Island has been created by the General Assembly. The Secretary of State has been charged with appointing someone to this honorific position. The term of office is five years.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zawadzki