

Transportation Library Connectivity
Pooled Fund Study TPF-5(105)
TAC conference call – 12/17/09 – Minutes

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Agenda

The first part of this TAC conference call and Webinar focused on presentations by Jim Byerly and Sandy Brady about their experiences at the Internet Librarian 2009 conference. The second part of the meeting was dedicated to pooled fund business.

Internet Librarian 2009 – Jim Byerly, Mn/DOT and Sandy Brady, LTRC

1. Jim talked about the many search tools he learned about at the conference. Google tools dominated the conference and Jim took the group through a demonstration of several of them. Jim also discussed several transportation databases that are available on the Internet free of charge.
2. Sandy discussed both technology and social networking tools that she experienced at the conference including netbooks, smart phones, blogs and Twitter.
3. Hank Zalatel asked how solo librarians can learn about all of the tools and technologies with the limited time and resources they have. Hank thinks that SLA's Solo Librarians Division may want to take up this issue.
 - o Sandy suggested dedicating 15 – 30 minutes each week to learning new technology and to try out new tools. She said to treat it like a meeting or a training, where you block off time on your calendar and not let anything distract you during this time. It's essential for all librarians to keep up with technology in order to thrive in the profession.
 - o Dale Steele talked about how Kendra Levine of UC Berkeley pared down SLA's 23 Things to 7 Essential Things. Reviewing this Web-based class will provide information on the basic Web 2.0 tools.
 - o Both Jim and Sandy's presentations will be available at <http://www.libraryconnectivity.org/teleconferences.html>.

Pooled fund business – All

1. 2010 Pooled fund scholarship nominations
 - o Maggie received one nomination, a self-nomination, from PennDOT; they don't have the funds to join the study in FFY10. There were no objections to the nomination so PennDOT will be offered a sponsored membership at the \$5,000 level.
 - o Jane Minotti thought she had submitted a nomination for New Jersey DOT Librarian, Carol Paszaman. **Action: Jane will email Carol to determine her interest in joining the pooled fund and let Maggie know the answer.** If Carol is interested in joining the study, Jane will complete the nomination form and send it to Maggie. Maggie will ask for a TAC vote on the nomination via email.
 - Hank asked if there are funds available for this nomination and the answer is yes.
2. Special projects updates
 - o ASTM Standards Transfer – WA DOT library sent ASTM standards from 1939-1999 to the FHWA Turner-Fairbank Research Library, where they will be cataloged and available to everyone. WA sent 55 boxes weighing over 2 tons. The draft final report for this project has been sent to Maggie and will be posted on the study Web site when finalized.

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- ID will contribute any missing volumes that WA didn't have. This will comprise phase II of the project.
 - o TKN Resource Sharing Pilot – The. The metrics Web page was down the week of 12/14/09 but will be available the week of 12/21/09.
 - o G 3 Expansion – This project is now closed and Rita is sending a draft final report to Maggie on 12/22/09. Five hundred items were sent out to 16 libraries. This project allowed Berkeley to dispose of many of their duplicate items. Both Caltrans and Oregon used this service to get new materials for their libraries.
 - o Sheila Hatchell suggests that we publish stories on the special projects in relevant journals. Kathy Szolomayer and Jennifer Boetler (FHWA Research Library) would like to write an article on the ASTM standards transfer project. Please let Maggie know if you have suggestions on where to publish articles on the special projects.
3. Site visits
- o The final reports from Maggie's visits to ID and MO in September, as well as her visit to CT in October, are now complete and can be found on the Members & Partners page of the study Web site.
 - o John Cherney (WI), Sheila Hatchell (MN) and Zona Kahkonen Keppler (OH) will update their site visit reports. Both the original reports and the new reports will be available on the study Web site.
 - o The draft reports for the recent MN and WI visits by LA, MI and CA are currently out to the TAC for review and comments.
4. 2010 Pooled Fund-Regional-National TKN joint meeting
- o Discussions are still under way about a national TKN meeting in 2010. The regional TKNs have all discussed a national meeting at their individual meetings. The regional TKNs would like a national meeting but want to ensure there is plenty of time for all of the TKNs to meet individually.
 - o The MTKN is currently planning to hold its own annual meeting even if there is a national meeting.
 - o Many of the ETKN folks would not be able to attend a national meeting and would like to be able to participate remotely.
 - o If there is a national meeting, the pooled fund study will consider holding its annual meeting in conjunction with it. If there is no national meeting, the study will have its own annual meeting, probably in September. In either case, this will be the close-out meeting for the pooled fund study under current leadership.
 - o Amanda Wilson and the TKN chairs will discuss the national meeting and hopefully we will know more in the next couple of months.

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 18, 2010, 10:00am – noon, CST.