Minutes
Saturday, May 27, 2000
Long Beach, California

Present: Dan Hazen (Harvard), Lynn Shirey (Harvard), Cesar Rodriguez (Yale) Lourdes Vázquez (Rutgers), Peter Johnson (Princeton), Fernando Acosta Rodriguez (NYPL), Pamela Graham (Columbia), Angela Carreño (NYU), Eduardo Lozano (University of Pittsburgh), Peter Stern (University of Massachusetts), David Block (Cornell), Darlene Waller (University of Connecticut), James Simon (CRL), Joe Holub (University of Pennsylvania), Sara Leroy (University of Pittsburgh), Geoffrey West (British Library), Denise Hibay (NYPL chair and recorder).

Welcome.

I. Announcements

Fernando Acosta Rodriguez will succeed Denise Hibay as chair of LANE.

Harvard: Acquisitions processing, cataloging staffs are moving off-site. Bibliographers will no longer have direct supervision of acquisition staff; may also lose control of other important aspects, i.e., budget, vendor selection, etc. This may turn out to be a model that other libraries will adopt.

Princeton: Going through a transition in implementing new processing/catalog system. (Yale & Harvard also looking at new systems). Will soon complete retro conversion (NYPL & Yale also by 2003).

Pittsburgh: Moved from Notis to Voyager last July. Tech services are moving off-site in 2001.

NYU: Angela is busy as the Interim Director of Collections and Research Services.

British Library (guest): They are finally producing a serials register. Latin America & Spain will be listed in a separate and larger union list of Latin American titles in the UK.

Cornell: Uses Voyager. Cornell/Pitt partnership won the latest Title VI grant. Expenditures for electronic resources have increased 300% in 2 years. Troubling because contracts limit cancellations. A backlog of uncataloged Latin American materials is growing.

CRL (guest): James Simon announced that CRL received a grant from the NEH to create union list of newspapers in cooperation with OCLC. Also to film some international newspapers, including 3 from Latin America.

Columbia: Will open Latin American reading room in 2001. Moving forward with plans for the off-site storage facility to be shared with NYPL and Princeton.
University of Conn: The New England consortium, UConn/UMass/Brown/Yale did not receive the Title VI grant.

II. Union List (Fernando Acosta)

Discussion and review of the assignment:

- Send complete information about the publishing history, i.e., date founded.
- Web version available?
- Title changes including both old and new titles.
- Suggest new titles
- News magazines that have ceased, if long-running, may still be useful

J. Simon notes that the Africanists have a current list of newspapers as well as an archive of titles which have ceased.

III. Government Regulatory Agencies (Peter Johnson)

These agencies, e.g., telephone; water, etc. produce important documents. What kind of collecting is being done? Can we divide major cities, countries and make an effort to collect and communicate to the list the types of things that are found?

IV. Cooperative Collection Development

We need to discuss ways that we can improve on this within LANE, especially in regard to serials. The newspaper project has made a significant impact on how we collect and spend our budgets. Serials pose a problem for many LANE institutions. How can we promote and organize a more cooperative approach to collecting these within LANE? Further discussion needed.

V. Fall meeting will take place at either NYU or NYPL.