

Core Preservation Administration Interest Group (CPAIG) Meeting Notes
American Library Association (ALA) Annual Meeting
June 26, 2021

Link to recording: https://www.dropbox.com/s/zv5xwecpyw9nq03/zoom_0.mp4?dl=0

Announcements

- New CPAIG Chair Miriam Nelson and Co-Chair Mark Coulbourne
- Other announcements listed in chat: usajobs.gov for LOC positions, U of Washington has 2 job positions open

Farwell Library Buckram, Hello Summit?

Jack Neves, Binding Manager at UC San Diego:

- Disruptions in availability of buckram, CKG investigation into sustainable materials
- Guiding principle: “remain open to change that resulted in positive outcomes.”
- Findings so far: discussion to continue

Hannah Tashjian, UC Berkley

- There is one cloth mill that manufactures buckram cloth in USA.
- Increased cost justification questions.
- Colleagues surveyed, many institutions switched to Summit, so that was tested. 8 criteria for eval: availability, cost, color options, durability, strength, long term stability, stable when wet, not susceptible to light damage.
- LBI standards a foundation, but criteria expanded. How to determine ultimate appropriateness of covering material? Updates to LBI standard warranted?

Jacob Nadal at LOC:

- Similar conversations with HF Group. We share all of the same concerns.
- Testing of Summit and others done; pilot year to test variety of materials with production samples in a real use environment. Data to be released in coming months.
- NISO standard review and research is needed.
- Call for participation in future discussions, please email preserve@loc.gov so you can get on a list.

Mike Foley, UC Berkeley

- Use of material alternatives
- Bi-coastal collaboration needed, solutions can be multiple.
- Holliston Mills a possibility, Neenah Summit, Ecological Fibers, etc. as options to explore.
- Summit “performs well.”

Jay Fairfield, HF Group

- Library binding has decreased 90% in the last 16+ years.
- Manufacturers have diminished to only Holliston Mills in USA. There are other manufacturers outside of USA but has to be ordered in big quantities then shipped internationally. Use of an alternative to buckram is driven as much by distributors as by binderies.

- Because of availability they had to look at other products, including non-wovens. “We investigated many different materials” from cost and supply standpoints alongside durability. Summit material tests similar to original cotton product. Summit is not a new product; it has been in use for 30+ years in trade binding.
- Fortunate that Neenah pivoted Summit to fill need quickly; look, colors, durability matched as much as possible.
- Standards are not set in stone and can be revisited. But we need whatever research that customers are doing to be done quickly so they can make a decision. HF Group needs to ensure adequate supply for whatever is used for clients. In order to do that they need to order

Questions/comments

- Move the discussion forward with the LOC email as listed above, re: the NISO standard? Yes (to discuss in a collegial & non-binding way).
- Supply chain focus on Holliston Mills, but similar issues with adhesives re: cost, difficulties with raw materials, issues in the supply chain. Custom products and changes in industry forcing issues faster than usual.
- Note that there “may be no reason to keep any book cloth ‘looking’ like F grade in the future.” Looks last on list with regard to other qualities.

CORE Transition (“Where did everybody go?”)

- Most of Preservation landed in the Core Metadata and Collections Section
- Committees in Metadata and Collections
 - Preservation Standards and Practices (Preservation Statistics)
 - Preservation Outreach (Preservation in Action, Preservation Week)
 - Publications Coordination Committee (Division level committee)
 - Content Coordination Committee coming soon (Division level with wide representation)
- Interest Groups in Metadata and Collections
 - Book and Paper
 - Digital Conversion
 - Preservation Administration
 - Promoting Preservation
- Preservation Awards
 - Three: Banks-Harris, Jan Merrill Oldham, Cunha-Swartzburg
 - Future is unclear, depends in part on sponsors continuing funding
 - There will be a Core group looking at awards later this year chaired by current President Chris Cronin.
 - Incoming Lindsay Cronk is working on a Maintainer’s Award that might incorporate some past awards.
- Job postings on community pages
 - No longer allowed
 - Two pay-per-ad options available through ALA. “ALA Core Post a Job” and “ALA Job List”
 - Free option: Archives Gig accepts conservation and preservation jobs

- AIC community pages still allow ads
- How else can we share? Maybe a google group?

Discussion

- From Martha Horan, Core: Leadership group for Core. Survey re: elections needed for this? (brief poll: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCuYZsAmhjH-AX08Z16GcDk3a2gJOo_5LW8i-Wb0C8KGRS2g/viewform)
- Merger allows collaboration that hasn't happened before, IG Chairs urged to keep that in mind! Learning others' pressures & concerns a great way to help make decisions.
- Mark Coulbourne: Linked Data & Facilities IG groups very interested in joint programming.
- Many thank you's to Core staff, and our presenters, and our new IG Chairs!

Notes:

Sabrena Johnson and Beth Doyle, Outgoing Chairs