OCLC REPORT

Global Council November 5-7 2012

Key issues discussed at the meeting were:

- Linked Data. OCLC is taking strong interest in this. Richard Wallis, Technology Evangelist at OCLC, gave a useful presentation on this topic.

- Membership. OCLC is reviewing membership models and criteria. Andrew Wells is currently a member of the Membership Committee as a nominee of the Asia Pacific Regional Council. This matter will be discussed at the Global Council meeting in April.

- Credits and incentives. This continues to be an issue for OCLC. It is not a global issue as there are different pricing and charging models in place in various countries. North American members are most affected.

- OCLC WorldShare™ Management Services. This suite of products and services continues to develop rapidly with significant uptake in some markets (including Australia)

- Wikipedia. OCLC has a ‘Wikipedian’ in residence. There was a stimulating presentation about how libraries and Wikipedia could collaborate.

- President and CEO. Jay Jordan was extended for a further twelve months until June 30, 2013. Recruitment for a replacement is underway.

Asia Pacific Regional Council (APRC)

- Elections for two positions are underway. Andrew Wells did not renominate. There are four candidates from Australia, China and Malaysia. The Council rules specify that there can only be one member from a particular country.

- Membership Conference. The 2013 conference will be held in Bangkok October 7-8 at Thammasat University. Roxanne Missingham, University Librarian & Chief Scholarly Information Officer at the Australian National University, has been invited to speak.

Recommendation
The Committee to note the report.

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