

RAC Oversight Committee Meeting

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University of Maryland Health Sciences and Human Services Library

Access Committee Report

The committee presents the different constituencies of the Network as well as geographic distribution. The committee's charge is to represent the needs of Network members and target populations, review and make recommendations about SE/A programs and funding initiatives, and develop programming recommendations and plans that will assist the SE/A in meeting its goals and objectives.

The Access Committee communicated by email trends and concerns about current and future access. The topics discussed included:

- Site Licensing: This was a big issue for everyone on the committee. How to negotiate access rights to electronic content; including issues with DOCLINE and not libraries not entering e-journals due to license restrictions
- Models for access: free, pay per view, site licensed; print with online etc
- Training staff to provide access to electronic resources rather than print; training non-librarians on DOCLINE
- New technology for delivery of electronic content; is there something beyond pdf, Ariel and Illiad?
- Copyright is always an access issue and fair use is even more challenging to interpret in the electronic area
- Open Access: how it affects Interlibrary Loan services

One thought is to provide training on de-coding and negotiating licensing of electronic access and to develop a resource of demonstrating how librarians negotiated with publishers to allow interlibrary loan or a resource page with links to other sites such as LibLicense. It could include not only the wording they sent, but also how they negotiated. Did they just send an email and ask or did they fight the good fight until they got it or gave up?

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