

**STARS Rethinking Resource Sharing Policies Committee**  
**ALA MidWinter Meeting, Seattle**  
**Saturday, January 20, 2007**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Anne Beaubian, University of Michigan  
Jennifer Keuhn, Ohio State University  
Beck Ringwelski, Minitex  
Robin Moskal, University of Maryland Baltimore County  
Charlotte Rubens, UC Berkeley  
Tess Gibson, University of Arkansas  
Betsy Kruger, University of Illinois  
Poul Erlandsen, National Library of Education, DK  
Jennifer Cella, Atlans Systems  
Gina Persichini, Idaho Commission for Libraries

Absent: Gail Wanner

Guests: In addition to the members, the committee enjoyed the participation of over 40 guests.

**Rethinking Resource Sharing Overview** – Anne Beaubien shared an overview of the Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative, its organization, and relationship with STARS.

The initiative sprang from a series of conversations that, ultimately, began when considering standards relating to resource sharing. It was suggested that the global library community might consider rethinking and expanding our view of resource sharing and the delivery of those library services. A white paper was circulated and discussion resulted in two face-to-face Forums.

From those Forums, the Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative was born. The participants determined that in an effort to bring in even more participation, it would be crucial to have some affiliation with a larger parent organization. Additionally, it was determined that the effort should remain user centered, vendor neutral, and global in perspective. With that in mind, it was decided to seek joint custody; partnering with a number of organizations to rethink resource sharing.

The RUSA STARS Executive Committee was approached as their existing activity with the Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States and the STARS theme of “Transforming” would be advantageous in the effort as we considered the future of resource sharing. The STARS Executive Committee voted in June 2006 to form the Rethinking Resource Sharing Policies Committee to work on issues related to library policies in the Rethinking effort. The Chair would serve as a liaison to the RRS Steering Committee. The Rethinking Resource Sharing Policies Committee includes members of

the Chairs of a number of STARS committees insuring involvement from all areas of STARS.

### **Manifesto for Rethinking Resource Sharing**

The committee was asked to consider the Manifesto for Rethinking Resource Sharing that was originally drafted by the Cultural and Policies SubGroup of the Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative; a subgroup that has since morphed into this STARS Committee. Committee members were presented with two versions of the Manifesto with a challenge to put a single document forth to the library community.

Clarification: The two documents presented are actually the Manifesto and a supplementary document.

Discussion about whether it was necessary to edit the document in any way. Points were made that some members of the library community, during presentations discussing the current document, have requested more explanation about the 7 principles identified. Additional discussion noted the important to keep the Manifesto brief. Further noted that the document would make a stronger impact if it were adopted by the committee, STARS Executive Committee and the RRS Steering Committee.

It was also suggested that some supplementary materials could be created and posted online possibly in a wiki format. The site could include opportunities to discuss the various barriers that libraries face and share success stories for Best Practices.

When sharing the Manifesto with the library community, it was discussed that individuals would also benefit from some tools that could be used to lead/facilitate discussions in their local communities. The Chair of the STARS Continuing Ed committee indicated a desire to work together to create such a toolkit.

A motion was made and seconded to keep the Manifesto as presented with no editing, to affirm the document, and to create an online site for supplementary information.

Discussion: Discussion from committee members addressed the need for information include in or linked from the document to address copyright issues that create barriers and to address the legal issues faced by libraries outside the United States when seeking to expand resource sharing across international borders. Discussion resulted in agreement that barriers should be addressed outside the document and in supplementary materials.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Online Supplementary Materials/Site (Content ideas):**

- Copyright
  - DMCA

- International copyright
  - Section 108
  - Technology protection measures
- Licensing Issues
  - Returnables and non returnables
- Scholarly communication
- ILL Code for the United States and related issues
- Circulation policies
  - Local special collections
- Local taxing issues (taxing districts)
- Interoperability of internal library operations
- International issues
  - Customs fees
  - International delivery limitations
- Delivery costs/postage
- Options for delivery
- Adequate human resources
- Adequate technological capabilities
- Local institution governance
- Legislative issues
- Interoperability of systems
- Successful strategies, best practices
  - Posted by libraries themselves
- Consider not just how/what we do, but “why” we do it.

Note: With a wiki, consider what privileges should be available to the end user visiting the site (read, write, edit, comment, etc.)

**Where this committee might have a future role:**

- Create a mass digitization policy
- Liaison with other committees to begin to work toward overcoming some of the barriers we can't currently

**Spreading word about the Manifesto (ideas for next steps):**

- Get the Manifesto advertised
- Public it in the RUSA Update (Quarterly)
- Incorporate discussion of the principles in training sessions
- Get it on the ILLWeb
- Collect success stories
- Get those libraries with successes to be mentors or facilitators for further discussions about the Manifesto

**Next Steps:**

- Take Manifesto to Steering Committee to request Affirmation of the document (Gina, Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Advertise the permanent URL for the documents (Gina, share on STARS list)
- Work with STARS Education committee to develop a toolbox for use by discussion facilitators (Julie)
- Provide input to Codes Committee in light of Rethinking Resource Sharing
- Request affirmation of Manifesto from RRS Steering Committee (Gina)
- Online wiki/site for supplement to Manifesto (Betsy, Jennifer Kuehn, Jennifer Cella, Becky Ringwelski)
- Inquire about adding Julie to committee after June 2007 (Gina)