

**CONSULS Directors  
Meeting October 2, 2008**

The CONSULS Directors met at ECSU on October 2, 2008.

Attendees: Pat Banach, Chris Baum, Roy Temple, Lynne Newell, Ed O'Hara

Topics discussed included:

- Budget strategies: Budgets at each library are under duress. In some cases the current year's library budget must be cut.
- The committee structure of CONSULS was discussed to determine if there were ways to increase organizational efficiency. Lynne Newell agreed to email copies of the latest committee responsibilities and the membership lists (which are to be updated).
- The possibility of having a systems administration workshop was considered along with the difficulties of dealing with III. The III company charges extremely high rates to conduct instructional classes e.g. \$1000 per person per day for a one-day workshop. There may be features in the III system that we may not know about. The New England Innovative Law Users Group may provide guidance.
- ERM (Electronic Resource Management) was discussed to determine what progress had been made. ECSU reported that they were currently loading files.
- Keeping bound copies of JSTOR journals over five years old was discussed. The discussion centered on whether there should be a library of last resort for each title.
- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Nov 20 at the Connecticut State Library.

ADDENDUM from Ed O:

I have identified three Innovative Users Groups here in New England: the New England Innovative Law Users Group, the New England Users Group, and the Tri-State Innovative Users Group. I have been able to contact participants in two of the three groups. None of them is active. The situation is not unusual. Folks from one or two libraries tend to spearhead the organization, then get discouraged since others don't help with any of the organizational work.

One of my phone calls was to Frank Scaturro, systems librarian at Adelphi, who was active with the Tri-State Group. Due to my interest, he is contacting his counterpart at Dowling College, and they will try to revive their users group. He will contact me if he is successful. Obviously he assumes we from CONSULS will attend their next meeting if it actually comes to pass.

Terry Ballard from Quinnipiac was frequently mentioned as a possible instructor.