MINITEX POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
18 Andersen Library
Friday, Dec. 7, 2012
9:30 AM – noon

Members Present:
- Pat Conley, Chair for FY13
- Cynthia Jorstad
- Mary Lukkarila
- Kathy Parker
- Brooke Roegge, Vice Chair for FY13
- Ann Walker Smalley
- LeAnn Dean
- Wendy Pradt Lougee
- Chris Olson
- Joan Roca
- Julie Setnosky

Members Unable to Attend:
- Tori Jensen

Non-Voting Members Present:
- Hulen Bivins
- Nancy Walton
- Todd Digby
- Warren Wilson (attended by phone)

Staff Present:
- Mary Lou Dresbach (attended by phone)
- Valerie Horton

Observers:
- Cecelia Boone
- Kathy Drozd
- Steve Elfstrand
- Mary Parker
- Becky Ringwelski
- Carla Urban

1. **Introductions, Review and Acceptance of Agenda**

Lougee welcomed Valerie Horton and introduced her as the new Director of Minitex, explaining that Horton began her work on the 5th – two days prior to this meeting. Conley welcomed Horton also and asked each Council member to introduce himself/herself and identify the constituency group that she/he represents. In particular, Conley welcomed Wilson who was attending his first meeting as the representative for South Dakota libraries. The group also welcomed Jorstad who was attending her first meeting in-person after attending earlier meetings by telephone.

Lougee also thanked Parker and Ringwelski for their valuable work as co-interim directors during the period since Bill DeJohn’s retirement. Lougee shared the news that DeJohn was very ill.

Roca moved and Setnosky seconded approval of the agenda as prepared.


Roca made and Setnosky seconded a motion that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion approved.

3. **Minnesota Office of Higher Education Report**

As part of her greeting to Horton, Dresbach explained that she was a division director at the Office of Higher Education, which serves as fiscal agent for Minitex and MnLINK. She noted that she had been Minitex’s contact at OHE for about five years.

Dresbach reported that she had approved the MnLINK Gateway server site payments based on information provided by Ringwelski, which had been approved by the server sites. Payments should be distributed within the next couple weeks.
She noted that the November state budget forecast would indicate that the next legislative session will be a challenging one. Governor Dayton is to present his budget proposal in mid- to late January. She noted that she, Parker, and Ringwelski had discussed the Minitex and MnLINK Gateway budget requests and had agreed to request the amount that had been appropriated to Minitex and the Gateway prior to the last budget reduction.

4. Program Updates
Parker reported that the Minitex budget looks good for the balance of FY2013.

Ringwelski reported on the Minitex/MnLINK Conference, which was held Nov. 15. More than 180 library staff attended the session, which included presentations by Clifford Lynch, Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information, on e-books and Katie Birch, OCLC’s portfolio manager for Resource Sharing. Ringwelski noted that Minitex was beginning to use OCLC’s Article Exchange service for electronic delivery. It has been helpful in our move to this that the University Libraries’ contracts for electronic content have been reviewed and allow more options for e-delivery than they have in the past.

Parker noted she and Ringwelski have sent cost-savings reports to Minnesota academic, public, and special libraries. Roca and Conley said they greatly appreciated receiving the information included in the reports.

Urban reported on the work of Minitex’s Digitization, Cataloging, and Metadata Education staff in conjunction with the University Libraries and others involved in the Minnesota Digital Library (MDL) effort. She noted that MDL will be involved in the Digital Public Library of America and that John Butler, Associate University Librarian, will spearhead MDL’s participation in DPLA.

Olson raised the topic of the problematic nature of statistics provided by federated search engines. He noted that some MELSA libraries have decided to discontinue use of Aquabrowser and will be considering other alternatives. Elfstrand noted that CALCO uses the VuFind option provided by PALS.

Lougee updated the Council on discussions concerning problems related to the State of Michigan’s lack of a library able to fulfill the federal depository library role for the State. The University of Minnesota Libraries, Twin Cities, had expressed interest in taking up this role. Discussion continues.

5. Discussion Topic
Nancy Sims, Copyright Program Librarian for the University of Minnesota Libraries, Twin Cities provided an updated on recent copyright decisions. Copies of her slides are available at: http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Committees/Advisory/Meetings/2012-12-07/Item6.pdf

6. Member & Representative Reports
Conley thanked Council members for their reports and invited everyone to walk to the Carlson School where a special welcome lunch was held for Horton.

7. Adjourn
Roca made the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Planned meetings for remainder of FY2013: March 1, June 7.