

Scottish Visual Arts Group (SVAG) Meeting

Venue: Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh

Date: Thursday 29 May 2014

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting of 26 November 2013

The minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. SCURL Update

SCURL has offered support to the Glasgow School of Art colleagues in the aftermath of the fire of Friday 23rd May. The disaster has stimulated a review of SCURL's Business Recovery Plan which was compiled collaboratively.

Events

Ebooks Conference

SCURL, the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) and JISC RSC Scotland are organising the annual eBooks conference on 5th September 2014 in the University of Strathclyde. The conference theme is **Happy Ever After!** to reflect the positive benefits of ebook content and format for our users.

CILIPS Conference, 2nd and 3rd June in Dundee

The theme is **Challenges, Choices and Opportunities** presentations pertinent to public, school and academic libraries Jill is giving a presentation on SCURL's collaborative activities reflecting the extent of the aims and objectives of the SCURL Strategic Plan 2014-2016.

SCONUL Conference, 26th and 27th June in Glasgow

The summer conference has been scheduled for Glasgow with two days of presentations, visits to libraries in Glasgow, and events. SCURL has assisted in the preparation of the programme and will be represented at the conference.

Welcome

Diane Bruxvoort has been appointed as University Librarian and Director of the University of Aberdeen from her previous post as Associate Dean at the University of Florida. Jill has met with Diane to extend a welcome to SCURL and to introduce Diane to the strategic activities of SCURL.

Amina Shah has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer to SLIC and has attended and participated in SCURL meetings. Jill will continue to represent SLIC at the FE College Librarians' Development Network.

National Librarian of Scotland and Chief Executive

Interviews were conducted recently and an announcement of the successor to Martyn Wade is awaited.

Procurement

Scottish Higher Education Digital Library (SHEDL)

An estimated £5m is now invested through SHEDL contracts from SCURL member libraries providing access to ebook and ejournal content from the following publishers: American Chemical Society, ASME, Brill, Cambridge University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Elsevier, IEEE, JOVE, Karger, Oxford University Press, Palgrave, Project Muse, Sage, Social Sciences Directory, Springer, and Wiley. The first collaborative procurement contract with the NHS NES was concluded with Karger content.

SCOPNet Ebooks, Print Books and Periodicals.

Content is also procured through the SCOPNet environment with EBSCO as the Subscription Agent for journal content.

SCURL Strategy 2014-2016

The three strategic priorities are:

- Effective Collaboration
- Showcase Scotland's research and collections
- Effective advocacy and promotion

The second and third priorities are especially pertinent to SVAG, where SCURL wishes to **Promote Scotland's unique and distinctive collections** and also **Delivering SCURL objectives** by supporting the Working Groups and Communities of Practice respectively. SVAG and the other Working Groups will be actively supported by SCURL to actively engage in maximising knowledge exchange and taking the lead in showcasing SCURL developments within Scotland and beyond.

SCURL Library Services Platform Task Force

The above Task Force convened in June 2013 for one year and has submitted the Final Report to the SCURL Away Day on 5th June. The recommendations include the evidence-based research that an appropriate LMS for a collaborative environment is currently not available on the market and the vision of sharing services is a viable opportunity on which to focus. The five areas to investigate include Description (acquisition, cataloguing and metadata), Management Information (tracking subscriptions, costs, utilisation) and Access Control (Shibboleth, AthensDA and EZProxy.)

SCURL Communications Task Force

The above Task Force convened in January 2014 and concluded their remit in May 2014. Their recommendations have also been submitted to the SCURL Away Day and which include SCURL Research Extra should be reviewed. This scheme enables registered users of SCURL member libraries to access other libraries. Currently both the Open University and the National Museum of Scotland make use of the scheme for their OU students resident in Scotland and the NMS researchers respectively in these organisations.

4. ARLIS Update

At the last ARLIS NCC meeting in April, we again discussed the ARLIS website development group and the redevelopment of the site. This is obviously still impacting on the withdrawal of arlis.net and the ARLIS members' list, but hopefully this will be sorted soon, as members have been circulated with the final proposal from Adaptive Technologies (which I circulated around the group). In the meantime, information about the ARLIS Art Researchers' Guides has been added to arlis.net. We also discussed updates to our Forward Plan, copyright issues via LACA, institutional membership in OCLC amongst NCC members, the potential addition of new NCC members like the British Museum, developments with MLAG (they are again meeting and there should be an MLAG event on digital issues, to be held at the Wellcome in spring 2015), the upcoming ARLIS conference in Manchester in July and library/member institution reports - this meeting, both LALIC and SVAG reported from groups outside London. The planned June meeting has been cancelled but the next meeting will be held in November at the British Library.

5. Visual Resources

Copyright

Member asked about the role of a copyright officer, and how did institutions deal with copyright issues. Some institutions have a named person, some have legal advice. Member said she had been involved with a SCURL Legal Issues task force which held a seminar on copyright issues. We wondered if SVAG might be able to hold a similar event.

Online resources

Secretary had circulated information on various new free collections before the meeting.

6. Report by Publicity Officer

With regard to the SVAG website, DC was keen to set up our own blog site that we could keep up to date with our site and membership data between us. A group interested in being involved had meant to meet, but unfortunately this had to be postponed.

7. Library Updates

- **GSA fire**

PLC read out Duncan's report to the group, sharing what has been lost and saved.

After we expressed our sorrow at the loss, we agreed to pass on our best wishes to GSA and ask them to ensure that the information about what they would like to replace will be passed to SVAG, as we would very much like to assist with replacement in any way possible.

- **SVAG article for SCONUL FOCUS**

DC reports his article on SVAG and our recent visual resources survey of our member collections will appear in SCONUL Focus in July.

- **20th Anniversary of SVAG**

We were all very pleased to realise it is our 20th anniversary in 2014, which we remembered pretty much by accident! We hope to hold events in this 20th anniversary year to support our community, such as a copyright seminar, and will celebrate in earnest at our next meeting, hopefully at GSA

8. Date of Next Meeting

Date: End of Nov or start of Dec.

Venue: GSA – TBC