

License Review Committee

Annual Report, 2007 - 2008

Submitted by Linda Wobbe, Chair
License Review Committee

I. Achievements for 2007-08 Academic Year

a. Recruited additional members for the License Review Committee

Dr. Pat Lyons, Saint John's Seminary,
and Scott Hines, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology
responded to our call for new members. Proposal to the Board to appoint these
two members was accepted.

Both have been active participants in reviewing license agreements. This brings
the membership of the License Review Committee to four, with Michael Epstein,
University of San Diego, and Linda Wobbe, Saint Mary's College, continuing.

b. Google Docs used to improve collaboration.

Created a Google group for the License Review Committee and began using
Google Docs to review new licenses. This has been a fantastic tool for sharing
comments, with Rick Burke posting a document for review, and able to access the
document when the committee has completed its review. The SCEL C Contract
Points document is also posted there for reference.

c. Reviewed the following license agreements:

American Medical Association (Nov 2007)
SpringerLink (October 2007)
Cambridge University Press (Nov 2007)
Oxford University Press (Dec 2007)
Geographic Research Inc (Dec 2007)
GeoScienceWorld (Feb 2008)
Project Euclid (Feb 2008) – SERU agreement
ALPSP Learned Journals Collection (April 2008)
eBrary (April 2008) – informal comments
Mergent (June 2008)
New Palgrave Encyclopedia of Economics (July 2008)

d. SERU Initiative investigated. The NISO SERU “A Shared Electronic Resource
Understanding”, has been anticipated as an answer to the question “How can
publishers and libraries/consortia accept a standard agreement so that each
product doesn't involve a contract negotiation”? This is a Recommended Practice
of NISO released February 2008. NISO RP-7-2008

<http://www.niso.org/committees/SERU/>
<http://www.niso.org/standards/resources/RP-7-2008.pdf>

There is a registry of libraries and consortia that are interested in using SERU when possible.

“The registry is being continued to help publishers and libraries identify interest in using SERU for electronic resources. Publishers who wish to use SERU with any of their products and librarians who would like to request that SERU apply to some of their products should e-mail Karen Wetzel, NISO Standards Program Manager, at kwetzel@niso.org, to be added to the SERU registry.”

II. Goals for 2008 – 2009

- a. Continue to review agreements collaboratively and in a timely manner**
- b. Continue investigation of the NISO/SERU Recommended Practice, and Propose to the Board that SCEL C join the Registry of Libraries and Consortia that are interested in using SERU.**
- c. Review practices relating to Publisher Packages of Journals**
- d. Chair participate in the Charleston Conference panel on licensing resources.**
- e. Update LRC Section of the SCEL C website.**