

SCAMeL: Thirty Years



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SCAMeL Fall 1982

- South Central Academic Medical Libraries Consortium
- Purpose – organized to undertake networking programs or projects for the benefit of AK, LA, OK, NM, and TX
- Consortium of academic medical libraries in the five states



Original Group

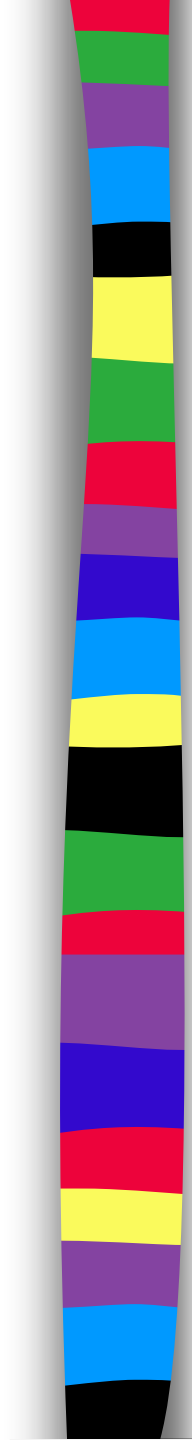
- Rose Hogan - UAMS
- John Ische - LSU-NO
- Bill Postell - Tulane MC
- Mayo Drake - LSU-S
- Marty Thompson - OUHSC
- Timothy Judkins - Oral Roberts
- Linda Roberts - OCOMS
- Janet Minnerath - OU TMC
- Jean Miller - UTHSC-SW
- Richard Lyders - HAM-TMC
- Charles Sargent - TTUSM
- David Kronick - UTHSC-SA
- Emil Frey - UTMB
- Virginia Algermissen - TAMU
- Bobby Carter - TCOM
- Erika Love - UNMMC



Mission/Purpose

Mission - improve information services, library operations, and resource sharing in its members

- Locator Tools
- Resources
- Document Delivery
- Other



Spring - 1983

- SCAMeL to serve the region – in case NLM no longer funded regional office
- Provision for treasurer
- White Paper on SCAMeL's relationship to BHSs
- Contract with TALON to carry out services



Initial Programs/Projects

- TALON Union List of Serials
- TALON Union Catalog of Monographs
- TALON Non-Print Media Catalog
(Names changed to SCAMeL, 1984)
- Interlibrary Loan
- Budget - \$38,000



Observations

- SCAMeL was committed to the support of the region
- Looking for ways to do things more effectively and efficiently
- SCAMeL met before the RAC meeting



Union List of Serials

- Being done before 1982
- Included serials, non print media
- For resource and hospital libraries
- TxTech, UNM, RML (2001)
- Latter years closely connected to DOCLINE
- Improved ILL and collection development for many years



Interlibrary Loans

- Originally \$4.00
- ILL Fee \$5.00 in 1984; \$6.00 in 1988; \$7.00 in 1993; \$8.00 in 1996; \$9.00 in 2000
- Fee less than or matched NLM charge
- Coupons in middle 80s
- Ariel 2000



Cooperative Acquisitions

- Cooperative Acquisitions Plan (91)
- Online resources – licenses (98)
 - OUHSC
 - TAMU
 - UTSW & UTHSCSA



Research

- Recognized as a goal in 1992
- Developed a cooperative endeavor with SCC to provide Research CE in 1997
- Research grants for librarians in the 5 state region in 1998
- Worked with SCC to provide research awards for posters and papers in 2002



SCAMeL Funding

- Budget in 1982 was \$38,000 (covered by dues, \$.50 fee, fees for services and membership fees)
- Budget in 2006 was \$46,250
- Explanation of \$.50 fee which went to a \$1.00 in EFTS which was instituted in 1998



Observations over the 30 years

- Fax machines (84)
- RAC - 1 RL per state (84)
- ILS discussions (84)
- AVs in OCLC (85)
- Email (85)
- DOCLINE (86)
- FLEXTRAKIT (88)
- ILL Subcommittee rep each state
- Lost two members (ORU 90 & UTMB 97)
- Consortium purchasing discussed (91)
- Enter data into Serhold (93), PALs (96)
- Armadillo Ball (93)
- Routing tables (95)
- Serials rationalization (97)
- E-journal purchases (98)



Observations - Continued

- Scholarly Communications – Open Access (2000)
- Hurricanes 2005
- Institutional repositories (2006)
- Link resolvers (2006)
- UpToDate – DynaMed (2006)
- Librarian Exchange (2007)
- Increased dues (2007)
- Research Awards named for Elizabeth K. Eaton (2009)
- GoLocal (2009)
- Leadership fellows/interns (2009)



Summary

- Exchange of ideas and information at every meeting, listserv messages, informal surveys, etc.
- Informal mentoring
- Strength in numbers



Thanks!

- Questions/comments?