

CRRA Board Agenda
April 8, 2009

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2. Approve agenda notes for March 23, (posted on the CRRA site under the admin area with email notification when posted)
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4. Revisit the question of submitting funding requests to the CLIR Hidden Collections program. There are 3 interested institutions: Catholic, Marquette, and St. Kate's, all of whom submitted proposals – none successfully – last year. Should CRRA encourage submission again? Submit as a package under the CRRA umbrella with one of the participating institutions as the lead institution?
5. Update on Team Catholic Portal work and implementation of VuFind, particularly the implications for portal functionality, structure, etc.
6. Review of membership dues proposal which was discussed at the Feb. and March conference calls. Please consult the February agenda and notes posted on the CRRA site for the February meeting.

CRRA Board Agenda and Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2009
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Members present: Artemis Kirk, Tom Leonhardt, Bob O'Neill, Ed Starkey, Jennifer Younger

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Approved. Agenda and Minutes are now posted.
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Discussion: Board members had reviewed the background information sent as part of the agenda. All present agreed the concept of peacebuilding is a good thematic addition with exact terminology to be determined by the Collections Committee. Second, all present approved ND's pursuit of funds (as above) in conjunction with the CPN faculty at ND.

Jennifer agreed a final grant proposal would be sent to the Board for review and approval before submission to a granting agency.

4. Revisit the question of submitting funding requests to the CLIR Hidden Collections program. Catholic, Marquette, and St. Kate's submitted proposals last year but none were funded. Should CRRA encourage submission again? Would it be more advantageous to submit as a package under the CRRA umbrella with one of the participating institutions as the lead institution? We agreed to refer this question to the 3 directors, which Jennifer will do via email. Georgetown also submitted a program but not in relation to collections in scope for the Portal.
5. Update on Team Catholic Portal (TCP) work and implementation of VuFind, particularly the implications for portal functionality, structure, etc. Jennifer reported briefly. TCP has put together preliminary strategic goals and objectives to be used as a starting point for discussion among all CRRA participants. Pat Lawton will start in mid-May. She is now included under "Contact" on the Portal. Future updates will be sent to all CRRA committee members via the CRRA-Committees-L list.
6. Review of membership dues proposal which was discussed at the Feb. and March conference calls.
The Board discussion on March 23 was reviewed. After discussion on issues such as whether the dues should be on a sliding scale or tiered in some way to ensure both affordability and sufficient revenue, Artemis noted the proposal submitted to the Board in February proposed a dues structure for 2009. Ed moved, Bob seconded and a motion was approved to adopt the proposal for 2009. On this basis, the chair will move ahead and open discussions with a university library known to be interested in membership.

Bob inquired whether current funds are sufficient to cover obligations. Jennifer said yes, for the fiscal year 2008/09 and 2009/10 (July 1 – June 30). She will provide a status report on revenue, budget and expenditures to date by the June 8th Board meeting. She also noted that Terry Ehling, the director of the Center for Innovative Publishing at Cornell University Library, is a noted expert on developing business plans for endeavors such as the Portal. She has agreed to be a consultant to the CRRA Board.

Background information included with the 04-08-09 agenda.

Item 4. Request from CPN participants at Notre Dame for collaboration with CRRA and/or ND Hesburgh Libraries

The Catholic Peace-building Network (CPN) exists as a cooperative entity involving several of our institutions – Georgetown (Tom Banchoff, Berkley Center), San Diego (Fr. William Headley, Peace Studies Institute) and Notre Dame. The CPN was developed over two years, starting in 2002, through a series of consultations spearheaded by the [Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies](#) at the University of Notre Dame and [Catholic Relief Services](#), with the active involvement of [Maryknoll](#), the Office of International Justice and Peace of the Bishops, the

Center for International Social Development at the [Catholic University of America](#), and the [Sant' Egidio Community in the United States](#). While originating within the United States, the CPN is networking and collaborating with Catholic peace-builders around the world.

The CPN is coordinated by the Kroc Institute which is at Notre Dame. Its work is guided by a steering committee of a dozen members. The ND faculty participants have taken responsibility for creating & maintaining the CPN site. They have also approached our Peace Studies Librarian with a request to work with them on advancing a database in support of peace studies. While their overall objectives are slightly different from those of the CRRA and the Catholic Research Portal, there is also some clear similarity in making Catholic resources and expertise known and accessible.

In regard to the CPN website, this is what they would like to do with the involvement of other CPN participants. They see two related efforts for the CPN site:

1. Developing a proposed peace-building site of openly accessible resources, which they would then like to make accessible via the Catholic Research Portal. Originally, the CPN faculty thought they would develop their own portal for access, but they would like to work with us. This portal would make a wide variety of non-copyrighted materials on Catholic peace-building available to anyone with internet access. The CPN website would be linked to this portal.
2. Developing an E-Library on Catholic peace-building designed for university library search engines. The E-Library would make it easier for faculty and students to find and use copyrighted materials that are available on the various academic search engines. Once it is developed, it could be shared with other interested university libraries.

What are some of the implications for the Catholic Research Portal and the CRRA?

- 1) We would need to add a "Peacebuilding" theme to the Portal. I asked Alan Krieger who indicated such a theme would be a good addition. He also thinks there was some discussion about such a theme earlier although under different terminology.
- 2) If a peacebuilding theme (under this or other wording) can be added to the Catholic Research Portal, then the CPN would propose submitting a joint grant request, under the auspices of CPN and CRRA, that would fund the research and staff work needed to develop the Portal's peacebuilding site. We assume that each entity involved would have a role based on their existing strengths and interests.

For the CRRA, our interest would likely be in developing the means to provide access to these resources on peacebuilding. It would be possible to do this with the CPN peacebuilding materials as a separate database accessed via the Portal. At Notre Dame, we – meaning the Hesburgh Libraries – have said we are prepared to provide the technical support needed to develop access to the peacebuilding content through the Portal. It would be up to the CPN to develop the content to be access via the Portal.

- 3) Then, there is the question of what they envision for an E-Library, which they would like to develop with collection development librarians at Notre Dame and other interested university

libraries. This might or might not need to be a formal CRRA effort – perhaps it is a smaller group, a subset of libraries and librarians working with the CPN faculty.

I am bringing this to the CRRA Board for discussion. This represents a new opportunity which is in the early stages of discussion among CPN participants and ND librarians, including Team Catholic Portal. The CPN faculty at ND think the Portal seems to be the best way to offer an easily-accessible, substantive internet site on Catholic peacebuilding. We have discussed this in our Team Catholic Portal meetings at ND. While we certainly don't have all of the answers as to how this all would work, we believe there would be positive synergies in working with them.

What would I like to see from the Board meeting? First, Approval of adding a peacebuilding theme with terminology to be determined by the CRRA Collections Committee. Second, a request for the ND librarians to work with CPN faculty at ND to develop a funding proposal, which if to be done officially under the auspices of CRRA, would need further discussion and approval by the Board.