IMLS Grant Conference Call—March 8, 2006

1. Rick Neal introduced himself. Since Andrew’s departure, Rick has been managing quality control and work flows and supervising the student workers. The remaining files should be ready for Tufts by the end of March.

2. Andrew’s position has been advertised and a committee is reviewing applications.

3. In May in Utah IFLA is sponsoring a conference on newspaper digitization. The Utah project is punting some research issues to us since our project has the latest completion date.

4. The WebWise demo went well and raised interest in our project. It appears that we have quelled Martha Crawley’s concerns about progress on the project’s research component.

5. We reviewed the outcomes assessment logic model. Data collection intervals for outcomes #2 and #3 have been postponed of necessity to August 06.

6. Bob Kenzer will be speaking at and Jim Gwin will attend the Virginia History Forum in early April. They will use this opportunity to heighten awareness of our project.

7. Greg Crane reported that he has separated out the named entities package and will make it available to others to work with. He will next apply it to the *Liberator* and the Philadelphia paper. He needs to create an environment (perhaps a wiki) in which users can make corrections. Then he can get browse and search going.

8. In April we need to submit our report to IMLS for October 2005-March 2006. Contributions are due to Jim Rettig by the end of March. To be covered (in addition to anything anyone thinks of later this month):

   Personnel changes.........................................................Jim Rettig
   Web Wise.................................................................Rachel
   Named entities .............................................................Greg/Alison
   Consultation from others on authority list ...............Greg
   Process (what do my notes mean?)...............................???

Appendix:

   Virginia History Forum...........................................Bob/Jim G
   Relations with CO & UT projects.........................Rachel
   Assessment logic model revision............................Jim Rettig

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1 Alison, feel free to contribute as well!