

## **IMLS Grant Conference Call—June 14, 2004**

1. Andrew Rouser introduced himself to Greg Crane and briefly summarized his relevant experience.
2. Rachel Frick described the deficiencies in the files we have received to date from Digital Divide. She also recapped a phone conversation that she, Nancy Woodall, Leigh McDonald, Andrew Rouser, and Kim Tryka had with Digital Divide on June 10. The conversation covered the lack of TEI headers, bloated file size due to needlessly repetitive tagging, and other matters covered in Andrew Rouser's critique of the files. As a result of that conversation we are sending DD additional tagging instructions. DD is to send us the corrected files for ten pages. These are due Monday, June 21. If they are not satisfactory, we will terminate our business relationship with DD.
3. The five outcomes measures established by a subset of the UR team were affirmed.

Greg Crane reported that he is hiring two new staff, one with an MLS from Simmons and the other one of his former students who has a background in museum studies. They will study how people use digital newspapers.

Greg Crane reported that at the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries he learned of a push to digitize 1,000,000 pages of newspapers. Our project can provide data on what percentage of a paper ought to be heavily tagged.
4. Nancy Woodall reported that UR has chosen FEDORA for its repository strategy. We are seeking help in developing specs for a server.

On July 16 Thornton Staples of UVa will be at Boatwright Library to give a presentation about FEDORA. The presentation will be Webcast.

Greg Crane said that Perseus has its own FEDORA server and uses it as a test and development tool.
5. Rachel Frick reported that a meeting with representatives of the Colorado and Utah newspaper projects will be held in Orlando during the ALA Annual Conference from 3:00-5:00 PM on Sunday, June 27. It will follow an OCLC program on how to prepare to carry out a newspaper digitization project.
6. Because Jim Rettig will be on vacation, Rachel Frick will establish the agenda and conduct the conference call scheduled for July 14 at 9:30 AM EDT.