

IMLS Grant Conference Call—April 12, 2006

1. The University of Richmond is searching for a head of digital initiatives to succeed Andrew Rouner. Screening interviews of at least two candidates will be conducted the week of April 17.
2. No one had any recommendations for further changes to the draft October 05-March 06 semiannual report to IMLS. Jim Rettig will submit the report to IMLS.
3. Bob Kenzer and Jim Gwin reported on the first Virginia History Forum, held April 6-7 in Winchester, Virginia and sponsored by Shenandoah University. In addition to academic historians it attracted archivists, librarians, and K-12 teachers among the 250 in attendance. Next year it will be held in Richmond and sponsored by the Library of Virginia. The Forum included poster sessions, some of them online. This will be an opportunity for us next year.
4. Greg Crane reported that 1,355 functional issues of the Richmond *Dispatch* are available on the Perseus Web site. [Jim Gwin and Bob Kenzer later tried to use this and discovered they can search only one issue at a time. It remains a work in progress.] Richmond will wait until after it updates its Web site and other kinks are worked out before working with University Communications to publicize this resource.
5. Rick Neal reported that the *Liberator* files are ready for the UR student workers to process. The hard drive holding the Philadelphia *Ledger* files was received recently after being delayed in Customs. The OCR scanning is of questionable quality. Rick will e-mail several sample files to Greg Crane.
6. Greg Crane reported that apparently the proposal submitted to the IFLA newspapers conference was not selected. He is concerned that the keynote speaker is a vendor; the may be asking the fox to keynote the hens' conference. He is miffed that IFLA did not select the proposed paper..
7. Greg has not received a reply from Martha Crawley about his questions about the concern she expressed in February about technology and knowledge transfer. Greg Crane will try to arrange a meeting with Dr. Crawley at the IMLS offices on May 1 or May 2. Jim Rettig can join him on May 1 or the morning of May 2 when he will be in Washington on other business.