

## DRAFT

ESIG meeting Seattle, Jan. 23, 2006

Introduction of attendees: Joan Giesecki, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Susanne Clement, University of Kansas; Joyce Rumery, University of Maine; Steve Nobles, University of Tulsa; Tamara Miller, Montana State University; Bonnie Allen, University of Montana; Anne Christie, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Beth Turtle, Kansas State University; Lynn Baird, University of Idaho; Carolyn Allen, University of Arkansas; Sandra Shropshire, Idaho State University; Brian Carson, Western Kentucky University; Julia Rholes, PRESIDENT, University of Mississippi; Wilbur Stolt, PAST PRESIDENT, University of North Dakota; Randy Pederson, University of North Dakota; Jerry Stephens, VICE PRESIDENT/ PRESIDENT –ELECT, University of Alabama – Birmingham; James Huesmann, University of Alaska; Chris Sugnet, BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE, University of Nevada – Los Vegas; Judy Ganson, SECRETARY/ TREASURER, University of Arkansas; Linda M. Golian – Lui, University of Hawaii – Hilo; Kristen Anderson, University of Hawaii; Mary Beth Thompson, BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE, University of Kentucky. Representing NELINET: Arnold Hirshon and Susan Abell

1. History of ESIG presented by Wilbur Stolt. Established in 2001 at a meeting held in Bozeman, Montana, which was funded by EPSCOR. Intention of the organization was to pursue means of getting science resources for the consortia in the most cost effective manner... ESIG started with agreements for Blackwell and Kluwer collections. ESIG formed out of that meeting. Wiley and Dekker were added to the list of consortial agreements. Negotiations were handled by volunteers. ESIG worked with EBSCO for a year and contracted with AISTI to manage agreements for the consortia. Progressed to seeking an agency to work with the group—contacted a number of no-profit organizations to present bids and eventually signed with NELINET. Focus has been on the buying club concept since the beginning of ESIG.

ESIG now has 16 EPSCOR states as members out of a total of 22 states, plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Question from the attendees: how has success been measured? Wilbur Stolt: ability to acquire resources at better cost and greater content. Chris Sugnet: ESIG has the largest Springer license. Linda Golan-Lui indicated that Hawaii has received EPSCOR funding for state membership fee and for BioOne.

2. Arnold Hirshon, NELINET. Outlined some of the information and reports from NELINET that Susan Abell would be discussing: an update on offers and new deals. NELINET sent out a questionnaire to all state leaders to determine interest in additional resources. NELINET is interested in overlap with other consortia for better discounts. What are strategic directions for ESIG?

3. Susan Abell, NELINET presented an update on databases and services:

Listserv is now managed by NELINET

Web site and web page have been set up for the electronic resources

NELINET plans to have a complete list of all participants and deals

The Blackwell deal was a joint project with GWLA; Springer, Wiley and Dekker have been established within the previous ESIG structure.

Springer is up for renewal and NELINET is working with AISTI for transition to a new agreement.

Wiley: Susan will not get information on any new agreement until May

Blackwell license is in place through 2009; others will be renewed this year.

Trials have been set up this year, but response has not been very significant.

These included Cambridge journals, Oxford databases and journals, Knovel, and Sage. Portico information was distributed but not trialed.

4. Julia Rholes asked if there are other products beyond electronic resources that would be useful to the membership? Joan Gisiecke stated that it would be useful to have a source of information regarding overlap and uniqueness of collections. Arnold Hirshon suggested that Serials Solutions or TDNetwork output, or just getting either product into member libraries. Chris Sugnet suggested access to all PBS resources, or ebrary.

Arnold Hirshon: ESIG members could also participate in NELINET licenses.

Susanne Clement indicated that the Web of Science Kansas agreement might be expanded to other libraries; interested libraries should let NELINET know of potential interest. Also, Susanne said that Kansas would be interested in consortial purchase of backfiles. NELINET needs advance notice of interest so libraries should let NELINET know about Science Direct

Susan Abell indicated that NELINET will query ESIG members about resources of interest electronically will send to **state** representatives. Chris Sugnet added that there is also a need to know if other institutions are willing to move licenses for any the agreements to ESIG.

Other resources suggested by attendees included BioOne, BioOne2, JSTOR Environmental collectio, Ovid-LLW, Access Medicine, BioAbstracts, Ulrich's, Serials Solution, ERMS, federated searching, Springer backfiles, ChemAbstracts.,

Susan Abell will provide a link from the NELINET license list to ESIG's web site. ESIG members can participate as individuals libraries in NELINET agreements. Abell will check about any admin fees that might apply. Susan Abell clarified this information in an email to the Board, dated February 1, 2007: "I wanted to be sure to clarify several points that we discussed. I spoke to Arnold about the database purchasing for ESIG members for e-resources that NELINET offers and let you know before we send it out to the ESIG members.

ESIG members may purchase selected e-resources through NELINET if ALL of the following conditions pertain:

1. an ESIG member does not have any other alternatives for obtaining an e-resource other than direct purchase, AND
2. NELINET has an existing NELINET agreement for that resource, AND
3. the publisher or vendor will allow us to sell it outside of our region to ESIG members

So basically, if you can't get it anywhere else and you are allowed to buy it through us (by the vendor). We want to offer the best possible service to the ESIG libraries but not at the risk of alienating and disrupting your (and our) relationships with other consortia and networks you belong to and we work with."

5. ESIG election time is coming up. NELINET will send out the ballot for the election as was done last year. Continuing officers include Jerry Stephens as incoming President, Julia Rholes will be Past President, and continuing Board members at large: Mary Beth Thompson and Chris Sugnet.

Nominations from the floor: NOTE: Julia Rholes will issue a call for additional nominations from the membership.

**Vice-President, President-Elect:** Judy Ganson,

**Board Member at Large:**

James Hughes, Alaska  
Bonnie Allen (Montana)

**Secretary (1 year):** Linda Golan-Lui

6. Wilbur Stolt reviewed the issue of dues: dues per state are \$2,000. Members should be invoiced again soon. Should dues be raised, or lowered? The agreement with NELINET has a 10% increase built in. Generally, everyone agreed to maintain the current level,

7. Meeting schedule: To date the ALA MidWinter meeting has been for collections discussion. Is the Tuesday after ALA still ok? In the past, meetings have not been held in ALA locations hotels or conference centers—should this continue? Yes. Should ESIG try to meet with EpSCOR? A Suggestion: should we use some of the dues money to fund the President's travel to EPSCOR? Do we still want to plan to have an open Director's meeting during ALA annual meeting for about an hour with NELINET for a short update? Everyone agreed to do so.

8. There was discussion about various strategic issues: contacts with EPSCOR and state representatives, ask NSF to address the group, should ESIG serve as the information provider? Links from EPSCOR web page to ESIG libraries in Hawaii – other states?

How to distribute information about programs in the states and the successes. Marketing aspects –discuss with NELINET what might a program in this area look like. Chris Sugnet suggested that ESIG provide information about cost avoidance issues and financial arguments that benefit eligible members. ESIG web site has a history of ESIG – can we update and use for distribution. Lead institutions should be responsible for communications in their state and with ESIG. How can this be facilitated?

9. A question was raised about whether or not ESIG is a member of ICOLC. Someone will check on this.

The meeting was adjourned after lunch.

Judy Ganson,  
Secretary/Treasurer