

Washington Preservation Initiative  
Advisory Group Minutes  
Oct. 10, 2003, University of Washington

Present: Gary Menges, UW Libraries, Chair  
Linda Pierce, Gonzaga University (by phone)  
Eric Palo, Renton Technical Institute  
Kathryn Hamilton Wang, WSL  
Lee Dirks, Microsoft (by phone)  
Susan Barrett (WSL Project Manager)

Absent: Jill Bourne, Seattle Public Library  
Gudrun Aurand, WSU; temporarily at Folger Shakespeare Library, D.C.  
(Phone connection difficulties)

### **Workshops**

The Controlling Pests workshops by Dr. Tom Parker were well received. In Seattle, 38 had registered, and 31 attended. In Spokane, 11 attended. For next time, there were suggestions of having name tags available, so people could see where others were from. There was also a request for hot water for tea.

There was some discussion of possible workshops and available dates, with no word yet of the availability of the new Seattle library as a venue for Saving Family Treasures. Likely dates would be April, May, or June. A Spokane location might be the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture. Other topics for the future could include photo/video preservation, a molds workshop, a hands-on book repair session, and a workshop on grant-writing and fund-raising.

The Northeastern Documents Conservation Center, with the University of Washington as a partner, has received a 3-year IMLS grant for \$163,500, with the first year for planning, the second for training workshops which the UW will host (3 separate workshops, each to be a week long), and the third year to convert to a distance-learning format. (NEDCC would own the content but would make it available on their website.)

The Washington Preservation Initiative was funded for 2004 at a level of \$185,000. Linda discussed some of the Council's reasoning and deliberations. This will be the only grant cycle offered for 2004. (Being a grant cycle rather than another sort of program may have made it easier to cut, since it would continue, but just with fewer awards.)

The wish to consider making a contract with a consultant to do a more in-depth survey of several libraries was discussed, with the pattern of implementation uncertain at this time.

The responses to the solicitation for the preservation needs survey occupied considerable discussion time. Susan will check on additional references and get clarification for the depth of role of certain of the cited participants.

The awarded contract will have an amended timeline, with the draft of the survey questions to be available for consideration by the advisory group at the Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The next meeting will be Friday, Nov. 21, at 10 am, Allen Library, UW, Room 482A.