



Meeting summary for Core Library Consulting IG Meeting (05/10/2024)

Quick recap

The group, consisting of library management, technology, architecture, and nonprofit establishment experts, discussed the addition of members to various directories and the organization of an on-site meeting at the annual conference. They also explored the use and potential challenges of AI tools in their work, with a focus on responsible usage and the need for critical reflection. Lastly, they considered enhancements to the group's ethics document, the use of graphics for branding, and the value of networking opportunities. This is Curtis' last meeting as Chair and Virginia Sharp March will begin as Chair in July.

Summary

Consultation Meeting With Experts

Curtis initiated a group discussion, and the members introduced themselves. Jami, who has six years of experience as a project management and planning consultant, and David, a retired library director with 36 years of experience, were among the first to introduce themselves. Tiffanie, the director of Western Colorado University Library, led the consultation meeting, which included experts such as Janet Nelson, Laura Taylor, Christine, Paige Monaghan, Ellen, Diana Silver, Cinthya, Jonathan, Marie Sorenson,

Michelle, and Carolyn. The group's collective expertise included library management, technology, architecture, and nonprofit establishment.

Core Interest Group Directory Update

Carolyn, responsible for the Directory for the Core interest group, called on Curtis to add his information to the Directory. Curtis shared a link to the Directory with the group and also presented the FAQ document he had created to assist new consulting group members. Both Carolyn and Jami, who had previously discussed how to find library consultants, encouraged the group to check out all three existing directories. Curtis then reminded the group about the availability of the ALA Core Library Consultants Directory and asked for volunteers to add their information to it, noting that previous recordings of the Interest Group week session could not be located.

On-Site Meeting and Conference Plans

Curtis announced an on-site meeting at the annual conference on Sunday, June 30th, which was supported by Michelle, who emphasized the value of face-to-face discussions and networking. The team proposed discussions on various topics, including finding clients, marketing strategies, and tools for promoting services. Virginia Sharp was announced as the chairperson for the 2024-2025 year, and Carolyn and Christine showed interest in attending the meeting but noted scheduling conflicts. The team also discussed AI and proposed a new concept in libraries, with Michelle and Christine offering to connect Carolyn with relevant contacts.

AI Tools in Education and Photography

Curtis and Stephen discussed their experiences using AI tools in their photography and teaching work. Stephen highlighted the potential of AI, but also its limitations and the need for critical reflection, sharing his recent experiences teaching AI to 130 first-year students. He and Laura also discussed their use of Co-Pilot and Chat GPT in their work, emphasizing the importance of integrating AI tools into existing workflows. Michelle shared her cautious approach to AI, particularly when dealing with client information, but acknowledged how AI has helped her with project planning and ideation. The team agreed on the need for responsible usage of AI tools.

AI Tools, Data Concerns, and Summaries

Michelle and Stephen discussed the use of AI tools, specifically Grammarly and Chat GPT, in their work. Stephen expressed concern about the potential misuse of their data, especially in light of their university's military contracts. They discussed the desire for a tool that allows them to control whether their data is used to train the model or not. Stephen shared his method of creating a "war room" or comprehensive bibliography for his clients, using tools like Adobe for creating headnotes. Laura asked about the

accuracy of the AI summaries, and Stephen confirmed that the Adobe and professional versions were reliable for him.

Zoom AI Companion and Translation Apps

Curtis proposed the use of Zoom's AI companion for meeting note-taking and summarization, citing its efficiency and valuable insights. Stephen and Michelle discussed potential challenges such as government restrictions and the need for the host's management. Laura shared her experience with the AI companion, highlighting its potential to boost productivity, but emphasized the need for monitoring, particularly in hybrid meetings. Stephen shared his positive experiences with AI translation apps for his work with the International Court of Criminal Justice and expressed his anticipation for a universal translator.

Discussing Enhancements and Future Topics

Curtis led a discussion on recent enhancements and sought suggestions for future topics. Laura proposed using graphics for branding and attracting new members, while Christine suggested updating the group's ethics document to include AI and consulting discussions. Jonathan appreciated the FAQ for its helpful information, and Michelle and Stephen shared their experiences and advice for consulting careers. Curtis appreciated the networking opportunities and promised to share the meeting recording and summary on their library consulting Interest Group Page. He thanked everyone for their participation and encouraged continued discussion through the provided email link.

The next meeting will be in July. Virginia will be in touch with the details.