Carolyn Allen opened the meeting by asking the Council members to review the Committee descriptions, charges, and membership. After much discussion about all the existing Committees, relevant changes were made, including the disbanding and deletion of the Emergency Management Committee, since emergency contacts for each institution have already been established. Anne Marie Candido will make the changes and post the revised CUARL Committee information on the CUARL web site (http://libinfo.uark.edu/Webdocs/dean/CUARLcommittees.pdf).

Committee Updates

**Resource Sharing and Collection Development Committee**

Wanda Dole reported that the Committee has not followed through with this project because of lack of funding of the member libraries at this time. She expressed interest in discussing and possibly acquiring WorldCat Local. Carolyn indicated that we should include this as a part of our next agenda.

**Digital Initiatives Committee**

Wilma Cunningham, who is liaison for this Committee and was unable to attend, provided a written update (below):

UAFS has installed the ContentDM system and has been scanning several projects which will be ready for distribution at the beginning of fall semester. Collections are being housed on the ContentDM site for now with the possibility of placing on a server on campus at some later time. We have had some problems with ContentDM recently with upgrade to Version 5. The vendor is still working on this problem.

UAFS has completed the *Fort Smith Historical Journal* to the present time and is now scanning the college yearbooks from 1928—the present. The next projects will be the early newspapers of the college and selected University publications. Also on the list is the *Cumulative Index of the South Sebastian County Historical Society Journal* 1966 to 2007.
I have talked with Beth Juhl who related that she thinks with one link for each institution, we can send info to her for the portal at least for now. After this fall, I would hope we can have a front-piece for digital collections statewide and this could eventually be a part of the Arkansas Virtual Library. We both agreed that collection-level records are needed in the catalog, but not item-level records. We will have lists of digital projects in several places on our web site and Beth said they also do this.

Sandra Campbell announced that Monticello is now an official ContentDM owner, and librarians will receive training in June.

**K-12 Portal Committee**

Carolyn Allen asked the members for feedback on the draft letters to superintendents and to relevant faculty of each member campus regarding soliciting feedback and new materials for the K-12 Portal. All agreed that the letters looked good, needing only a couple of very minor changes.

Members of this Committee will identify who on the faculty of each campus will be sent the letters. It was also decided that letterhead using the CUARL banner should be used for the letters. Carolyn said she would have the stationery designed and send a sample to the members for approval.

Carolyn was envisioning a big splash in promoting the Portal through these letters in the fall. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. Most also agreed that the splash should really not occur too much beyond August 1st before the beginning of fall classes.

It was reiterated that everyone serving on a CUARL Committee should have their duties be a part their annual job assignments.

It was reiterated that all Council members should have the CUARL Web page posted on their library home pages.

**Staff Development Committee**

Sandra Campbell reported that there are no developments at this time with regard to this Committee.

Carolyn followed these reports with an update on the controversial OCLC policy change relating to WorldCat records. Information about this issue can be found on the following link: Brief article in *Library Journal* online: [http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6659528.html?industryid=47105&&](http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6659528.html?industryid=47105&&)

Carolyn observed that OCLC seems to be operating now on more of a corporate model rather than a membership model. Carolyn stated that the AMIGOS membership recently voted for an increase in membership fees.

Finally, brief budget reports were given:

UALR:
Wanda reported that UALR has no budget for the coming fiscal year—indeed a small cut (less than 1 percent). There will also be no increase in faculty salaries.

UAMS:
Mary reported that there is supposed to be a 1.5 percent raise in faculty and non-classified salaries and a soft freeze for hiring.

UAM:
Sandra reported that UAM will have a 2 percent cut in their budget, but there is no official budget announcement yet. There will be no increase in faculty and non-classified salaries—perhaps a one-time bonus later in the year—maybe in February. Classified staff will receive a salary increase in July.

UAF:
Carolyn indicated that UAF is in a similar situation as the other campuses, except that there will be no cuts in the budget and potentially a bonus for faculty later in the year. She has asked for $400,000 to cover a deficit in serials and hasn’t heard yet whether that has been granted. Classified staff will receive a portion of what is due to them, and there will be a bonus for faculty and non-classified employees around Christmas time. The library probably won’t get an increase for maintenance.

Carolyn volunteered to look into identifying a representative from AMIGOS who could perhaps attend the next CUARL meeting to update the Council members on developments in AMIGOS services.

**Action Items**

The liaisons of the various Committees should inform their committees of the revisions made to the charges at this meeting.

Carolyn will send to the members the links to the OCLC Report about the policy change relative to WorldCat. [Completed]

The K-12 Portal letters will be sent by mid-August to superintendents and to faculty identified by the K-12 Portal Committee. Stationery will be designed for these letters and for future uses.
Carolyn will look into bringing a representative of AMIGOS to the next meeting of the Council in the fall.