

Report of Ad Hoc Committee for Electronic and Consortium Publishing

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The Committee, along with the Executive Director, has explored initiating agreements with Taylor and Francis to publish and sell *SCJ* and with EBSCO to disseminate copies of our articles.

We recommend that SSCA use the following criteria for determining a course of action about these proposals:

- 1. Financial--income for SSCA**
- 2. Quality of Product (*SCJ*)**
- 3. Implications for Dissemination**
- 4. Control over Content**
- 5. Severability--cost of terminating the agreement and control over our content if that should happen**
- 6. Impact on the Mission of the Journal**
- 7. Reasonableness of the assumptions being made by Taylor and Francis and by EBSCO**

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A number of questions are still to be answered more fully :

- 1. Are there any conflicts or disadvantages to going with both T&F and EBSCO? Will they work together? How do the "exclusive rights" work? (T&F; EBSCO; NCA; Regionals)**
- 2. What are the differences between the contract offered us and offered NCA and other regional organizations? What is confidential about those, and can that be waived? (T&F; EBSCO; NCA; Regionals)**
- 3. What happens to library subscriptions when a commercial outfit takes over and doubles or triples the cost of a subscription? What percent drop? Need comparable examples to us? What**

can we expect? (T&F; NCA; Regionals)

4. What happens when T&F renegotiates these contracts as they approach expiration? Need examples comparable to us? (T&F; NCA; Regionals)

5. What happens if we want to terminate this contract? What is the cost to get out of it? Do we own our content? What will the cost be of purchasing the records? (T&F; EBSCO; NCA; Regionals)

6. What is the impact of these arrangements on our existing journal exchange program? (T&F; EBSCO; Regionals)

7. What is the impact of these arrangements on the journal itself--do we fully control the editor, editorial board, content, etc.? What do we *not* control? (T&F; EBSCO; NCA; Regionals)

8. What is the impact of these arrangements on the dissemination of the journal? (T&F; EBSCO; NCA; Regionals)

9. What are the "reasonable quantity" of the journal that will be provided to the editor and to the Association for its archives? (T&F)

10. Who owns the copyright for the journal? What rights would SSCA *not* have? (T&F; EBSCO; NCA; Regionals)

11. How will the backstock be transferred from the Executive Director's office? (T&F)

12. Can we receive an annual report of the subscribers to *SCJ*, including names and addresses? (T&F)

13. How much money will SSCA receive from this agreement? (T&F; EBSCO)

14. What is the impact of online availability through EBSCO on print subscriptions? What are comparable examples? (T&F; EBSCO; NCA; Regionals)

15. What is the current cost to SSCA of providing the journal, considering Editor's stipend, printing, mailing, etc.? Per member? (SSCA)

16. Does the journal make or lose money now? How much? (SSCA)

17. Would either T&F or EBSCO contracts require or result in a dues increase? Provide net revenue to SSCA? (T&F; EBSCO; NCA; Regionals; SSCA)

18. What is an "author-friendly" copyright form? Does it replace SSCA's? (T&F)

By all reports, NCA is very pleased with their contracts and relationships with Taylor and Francis and with EBSCO. Western has decided to initiate an agreement with Taylor and Francis, but not with EBSCO.

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These questions are directed to Taylor and Francis (T&F); EBSCO; NCA; other regional organizations (Regionals); or internally within SSCA, as indicated.