Purpose of the Alma Working Group

The Alma Product Working Group (PWG) represents Alma users, under the auspices of both the ELUNA and IGeLU Steering Committees.

The purpose of the Alma Product Working Group is to:
- Represent the Alma User Community to ExLibris.
- Advocate for the interests of all Alma users, through discussion and negotiation with ExLibris.
- Actively partner with Ex Libris staff to improve Alma functionality.
- Be responsible for establishing and reviewing the purpose of all Alma special interest groups.
- Showcase Alma best practice workflows or innovative user community developments to the broader Alma user community, through the coordination of the Alma Product track at annual ELUNA and IGeLU conferences.
Agenda

Enhancements
   2016 and 2017 progress
   Process discussion

Quick updates

UX project
   Expectations
   Input

Community Zone Management Group
   Relation to Knowledge Base Advisory Board
   Members and Work

Alma WG and Special Interest Groups
Enhancements

ELUNA/IGeLU/Ex Libris Development agreement = 200 points

Membership in ELUNA/IGeLU = 100 points per institution per NERS voting cycle

Alma is still new-ish = hundreds of NERS requests for improvement; and hundreds in Ex Libris’ Idea Exchange
Strategic Proposing & Voting

WG Leadership for a more successful NERS outcome

Develop strategic recommendations for core voting options

Regional/consortial issues

Greater good issues

Possible presentation of a select number of issues (5-10) for consideration

Institutional/Consorital Leadership -- join forces

Propose strategically -- focus on your biggest issues

Vote strategically -- campaign/make your case
Enhancements (NERS)

2015 -- All enhancements delivered

2016 -- All will be delivered by July

2017 -- Progress report
What We’ve Been Working On ...

Authentication Focus Group

Primo/Alma Back Office Project

UX Project

Re-establishing CZMG
UX Project

Successful partnership

Usability

Look & feel & consistency of presentation

Improve the ergonomics of the application

Recognition that there is no good time to flip the switch

Ex Libris investigating feedback methodology for general release
Community Zone Management Group (CZMG)

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Ebe Kartus, Australian Catholic University
Galen Jones, The Open University (UK)
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Mary Grenci, University of Oregon
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Community Zone Management Group (CZMG)

LCNMAEs/LCGFT vocabularies in the CZ
Activating authority control in the CZ
Language issues in the CZ
Use of non standard $e$ subfield for ISSN - solution
Enhancing bibliographic records with relation data
And more…
Alma Working Group & SIGs

The purpose of SIGs is to build expertise and engender debate about future development of specific functionality, and to share these findings with the broader Alma user community.

● Special interest groups operate to either:
  ○ Achieve defined deliverable(s) within a set timeframe, eg COUNTER metrics in Alma analytics
  ○ Identify and explore new development opportunities for specific functional areas within Alma, eg LOD

● Special interest groups may focus on a functional area of interest, e.g., cataloguing, fulfillment, Resource sharing, an overarching issue, such as consortial issues, or something more specific, within a functional area, e.g. e-resource statistics, authority functionality

● The purpose and value of all Alma special interest groups will be reviewed annually by the Alma WG
Get Involved!

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