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## Acquisitions/Serials Taskforce – report #2

The committee continues to work on figuring out these two modules, and while after weeks of trial and error, continue to be confounded and frustrated by the deficiencies in this system. Some of the most common sense issues, such as a uniformity in search procedures, are greatly desired from this system. For example – sometimes “enter” works and sometimes a click of the mouse is necessary; unable to determine if an actual search is being performed as there is no indication by computer that it is “working.” This leads to a considerable down-time and more often than not a re-attempt at the last search query. Format of search screens, tables, headers seemingly vary from page to page.

A list of problems we have encountered thus far were posted to the wiki. Acquisitions issues were answered or were instructed to be added to our gap list. Serials issues have yet to be addressed. Very recently an acquisitions workflow was added to the wiki by EINetwork. The taskforce will look at that and try to apply to upcoming testing.

This taskforce asks that the EINetwork work towards arranging a conference call for Acquisitions as well, so that we can talk through issues and workflow questions with systems that are currently using this module.

This taskforce is committed to continuing to work out more scenarios for setting up funds, ordering and receiving orders in the coming weeks, as well as furthering our understanding of the Serials module.

Finally, we are working diligently, but see the July deadline approaching quickly. We feel that we might need more time to fully comprehend these modules, but in that event this taskforce would need to appoint a new chair if final reporting date goes beyond July.

