



STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER  
OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
November 19, 2015

**Enoch Pratt Free Library  
Board Room**

**10:15 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Irene Padilla; Jay Bansbach; Debby Bennett; Daria Parry; Wesley Wilson; Wendy Allen; Michael Walsh; Gordon Krabbe; Dennis Nangle

**Call to Order:**

10:21 am

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon motion (Jay Bansbach), and second (Debby Bennett) the minutes from September 17, 2015 were approved.

**SAC Report:**

RELAIS issued a new release for MARINA which requires all libraries to update their RELAIS clients; most libraries have completed the upgrade. SAC is welcoming three new members to its group: Jill Gillispie from Johns Hopkins University, Carla Moore from Prince Georges County Memorial Library System, and Beth Thoms from Montgomery College.

**FY 2016 SLRC Plan Annual January Update:**

*Wesley Wilson, Wendy Allen, and Michael Walsh gave the SLRC Annual Plan Update. (For the full plan please refer to the FY 2015 SLRC Annual Plan Approved by the SLRC Commission September 17, 2015.)*

AskUsNow (AUN) has completed the second statistical sampling period. The statistics demonstrate what was anticipated: that the questions the AUN service now handles are more complex than in the past. The larger percentage of questions AUN now handles are level 3

questions (in-depth reference questions) and level 4 (research questions). The Library's Graphic Artist has created a Draft replacement logo to update the look of the existing logo that is 13 years old.

The partnership between SLRC and LBPH is continuing to grow with cooperative programming and outreach being planned for county library groups, and schools. Service to the Maryland public school community continues to increase, resulting in the creation of new web guides, web bibliographies, and level 4 research requests from public school students

The Library's Workforce Development Specialist here at SLRC has created a Workforce Development Resource guide which details all of the workforce services available county by county; the current draft should be available at the March Commission meeting. This guide is an extension of what the Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act Committee (WIOA) has been discussing.

MPERL presentations were on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, three vendors were present: GAIL, EBSCO, and ProQuest; after some discussion and feedback from LYRASIS, and after reviewing the vendors' initial proposals there were some questions which LYRASIS took back to the vendors. This resulted in a second round of more polished proposals which will be reviewed by the Database Review Committee, chaired by Lynn Stonesifer from Prince Georges County Memorial Library System. It is expected they will come to a decision by late December. The Sailor databases are accessible to public libraries and K-12 schools.

Digital Maryland is continuing to meet with current and potential partners as well as continuing to work on the collection; in September they partnered with the University of Maryland Baltimore to run an AV Conference; 76 people attended and the feedback indicates the conference was a success.

Bay Country has received permits for fiber construction, but is waiting on some construction completion in order to begin to build; Michael will be meeting with the state to determine use of wireless infrastructure.

### **Financial Report:**

We are at 20% of the budget spent with some annual bills (SAILOR databases, delivery costs, RELAIS maintenance, etc.) that have yet to be paid. Due to the job and expenditure freeze in the City of Baltimore, some monies may need to be reallocated. Should there be a need to spend over 10% of what is allocated on any financial activity, as indicated by the MOU, a request for variance will be brought to the group.

### **SLRC Capital Project Update:**

MILO and transshipping have moved to ARLOC and staff is happily settling in; it is anticipated that Information Services will be moved to the first floor by the end of the month. Fine Arts department circulation has risen by 12,000 since moving down to the first floor in June which is

incredibly valuable for assessing what post-renovation will look like. All of these efforts are related to being prepared for the general contractor starting work as soon as possible. Looking to Annapolis, the FY 17 budget has not been released yet; the Capital Improvement Project calls for \$23 million this year which will be the third year of funding that we've received and we are hopeful in presenting the work we have done so far for this project.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 10:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Enoch Pratt Free Library Central Library.

**Meeting adjourned:**

11:06 am