



STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER  
OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
January 21, 2016

**Enoch Pratt Free Library  
Board Room**

**10:15 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Sharan Marshall, SLRC Commission Chair, Director: Southern Maryland Region Library; Cathy Ashby; Daria Parry; Jay Bansbach; Kathleen Teaze; Debby Bennett; Dennis Nangle; Irene Padilla; Gordon Krabbe; Michael Walsh; Wendy Allen; Wesley Wilson, Ryan O'Grady.

**Call to Order:**

10:21 a.m.

**Introductions:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon motion (Daria Parry), and second (Jay Bansbach) the minutes from November, 19 2015 were approved.

**Financial Report:**

Roughly 39% of the budget has been spent; this is not at all unusual as the databases still need to be paid for this spring. There will be a need to ask the State to move some of the funding attached to the Regional Information Center due to a vacancy being filled; that is the main area of variance and as is consistent with the MOU a request will be submitted for a variance plus or minus of 10%.

## **Budget Preview 2017:**

### Capital:

Included in the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 17 is funding a level above what was there last year; contingent funding has also been included for the out years to complete the project. 100% documents are expected by the end of February; in the meantime, there is already a construction management firm in place doing things around the building: testing paint, plaster, etc. Work is also progressing with the state archives, and it is expected that in the next couple of months, that the Lord Baltimore paintings will be moved.

### Operating:

SLRC per capita is supposed to go up .02¢ this year which will produce roughly 100K in extra in next years' budget; what remains to be seen is the amount of city funding that will be received. Some budget hearings have already been held to see what the Library can work with, and it is hopeful that, as in the past, everything will come out okay. It is the Library's intent to participate in the trainings this spring to request a project for FY18 funding out of the 5 million dollars available per year. House Bill 144 calls for a compression of funding for per capita increases, and SLRC will do everything it can to offer documentation to support the bill that, if passed, will provide additional funding in FY 18.

## **SAC Report:**

Maryland's LibTech conference had 130 people in attendance, 30 of which were from academic libraries; speakers and presenters on emerging technology, patron driven tools, mobile devices, changing ILS systems, and link data were all well received and acted as a way of recruiting for the SMNG group. Mike Walsh demonstrated the new SMART board and discussed bandwidth upgrades for Montgomery, Caroline, Worcester, Dorchester, and Baltimore Counties.

## **SLRC Plan Annual Update:**

*Wesley Wilson, Wendy Allen, and Michael Walsh gave the SLRC Annual Plan Update. (For the full plan please refer to the FY 2016 January SLRC Annual Plan Approved by the SLRC Commission January 21, 2016.)*

AUN statistics continue to grow as the team makes further inroads into social media and marketing. Meanwhile, the Roving Reference and Technology group has proposed Zoned Reference for the construction process which is going to lead to global scheduling; all these changes will be predicated by a revitalized cross training program that is starting in February. As part of the new partnership between LBPH and SLRC the Spring SLRC Conference will be held between the two buildings and Leslie Bowman will be giving the keynote speech, and the Genealogy conference is well on its way; another brand new conference, the Storytelling Conference, will be launching in June 2016 in coordination with MLA's Children's Division.

A workshop teaching students how to prepare a business plan conducted by the Network for Entrepreneurship in conjunction with SLRC and NFTE was very successful and is going to be expanded; high level research requests continue to pour in from county schools and the metro homeschooling group is preparing a workshop here at SLRC to “build a fairy house”. Sights and Sounds is beginning the process of looking at four films to restore and digitize after winning an exciting grant from the National Film Preservation Society; and the Grants Center continues to have a strong outreach and very visible presence as Erin continues to work closely with the Foundation Center for Maryland.

In early December the Database Review Committee met to review the proposals from three vendors: EBSCO, Gale and Proquest, and selected EBSCO as the preferred vendor for the Sailor databases for another 3 year contract covering FY 17-19. The contract includes several additional new databases including the Professional Development Collection which includes full text educational journals, three DIY databases, and Rosetta Stone.

Brandon Mollock, the Circulation Manager here at SLRC, has formed a committee to solicit input and collaboration for topics for the Annual Statewide Circulation Conference.

Government Documents are excited to announce that 10,000 full text searchable PDF’s are now available in the electronic repository. Additionally, and two new collections have been added to Digital Maryland.

Chestertown was the last holdout for getting fiber due to the number of agencies involved; after getting permits in all the appropriate jurisdictions they finally got connected, which means everyone is now directly connected by fiber except for Hope and Garret County. Since everyone is connected it is possible to reevaluate the numbers usage to fall into an 80-90% range which is happening, so the contract we have currently continues to provide more service for less money.

**Other:**

It is suggested, after discussion, that a new Strategic Plan for FY 18 should be drafted. In order to solicit input from the proper audience a Planning to Plan Committee will be appointed at the next meeting in the Board Room at Enoch Pratt Free Library on March 17, 2016 at 10:15am.

**Meeting adjourned:** 11:23 a.m.