



## **Sailor Advisory Committee**

**March 18, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Michael C. Brown, Jason Marshall, Carla Moore, Susan Payne, Rudy Rodela, Stephanie Sopka, Rachael Stein, Liz Sunderman-Zinger, Amanda Watson

**Call to order:** The meeting started at 10:05 am.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** There were no changes to the announced agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the previous meeting on December 17, 2024, were presented. There were no corrections and the minutes were adopted.

#### **SLRC Oversight Commission Report**

Rudy highlighted the SAC Quarterly Report. There were no questions on the report. The SLRC Oversight Commission met on January 21st and had a good discussion, highlights of which will be detailed in other reports in this meeting.

#### **MSLA Announcements**

Report deferred to next meeting.

#### **State Broadband Committee Report**

Carla reported that there has been no movement or updates from the State Broadband Committee.

#### **State Library Resource Center**

**Funding Stability:** Liz mentioned that the \$12.75 million funding is secure, but there will be no increase this year. The library will operate at cost, and while this is stable for now, prolonged periods without an increase is a de facto budget cut and could constrain future services.

**IMLS Impact:** Liz explained that the impact of IMLS on the State Library Resource Center would be negligible. The funding received from the state is secure and not passed through MSLA from IMLS. The main areas affected by IMLS would be staff development grants, competitive grants, and capital grants. LSTA-funded programs are protected for now, and any changes would require an act of Congress.

#### **Sailor Updates/Issues**

Liz shared Mike Brown's updates on various Sailor projects:

- **City Muni Pop:** Comcast's audit confirmed that the fiber at City Muni was not built as designed. Permits have been applied to correct the issue, delaying the addition of the second pop.
- **Leonardtown Circuit:** The Leonardtown Comcast circuit is scheduled for installation at the 911 center by Verizon on March 19th. The router will be installed once the 911 center is operational.
- **Denton Circuit Upgrade:** The Denton Circuit is being upgraded to two gigabits per second due to high bandwidth usage by Caroline County schools.
- **Washington County:** There are no updates regarding Hagerstown in Washington County.

### **Customer Service Update**

Shane Williams reported that the Sailor Network has been stable with no major disruptions and mentioned ongoing efforts to improve the ticketing system using AI for efficiency.

### **Marina Resource Sharing**

Michael provided notes from Paula:

- **Marina Replacement Demos:** Demos for OCLC and Autographix were held on March 4th, with 90 people registered and 70 in attendance. Feedback was collected, and additional workflow process videos were requested from the vendors to provide more detailed insights into the actual workflows for staff.
- **Vendor Selection:** The initial feedback indicated a clear preference, but the RFP is still ongoing.
- **Implementation Timeline:** If Autographix is selected, the implementation would take place over the next year, with the actual turn-on date in July 2026. If OCLC is selected, the transition would be quicker due to existing systems and familiarity with the product.

### **Digital Maryland Update**

Michael reported on the success of Digital Maryland, with increased page views and users, and discussed potential partnerships with the Maryland State Archives for community archives.

- **Page Views:** Digital Maryland achieved its first month of 100,000 page views, marking a significant milestone.
- **User Growth:** Digital Maryland is seeing increased user engagement, with nearly 30,000 users per quarter.
- **Content DM Replacement:** Michael is exploring a potential replacement of Content DM with AM Cortex, which offers better functionality and front-facing services, including exhibits.
- **State Archives Partnership:** Michael highlighted ongoing discussions with Corey Lewis at the Maryland State Archives about potential partnerships, focusing on community archives and digitization programs.

### Sailor Databases

Michael shared updates on the Sailor databases, including contracts in the pipeline, new products for Mango, and the addition of Chilton's to the Gale package.

- **Database Contracts:** Michael reported that contracts for Sailor databases are in the pipeline for signature. The databases will remain with GAIL, Mango, and Heritage Quest.
- **New Products:** Michael mentioned that new products have been added to Mango, including a sign language suite and a resource for young learners called Little PIM.
- **Chilton's Addition:** Michael reported that Chilton's has been added to the Gale package, replacing the Educators Reference Resource, which had low usage.
- **Budget Constraints:** Michael explained that budget constraints prevented the inclusion of Comics Plus in the statewide database suite, although it is available at Pratt and performing well.

### Other Business / Good of the Order

Susan provided an update on the ongoing renovation of the Eisenhower Library at Johns Hopkins, mentioning the temporary relocation of library staff and services and the expected completion in two years.

- **Renovation Timeline:** Susan reported that the renovation of the Eisenhower Library at Johns Hopkins is expected to take a couple more years, with library staff and services temporarily relocated to several locations.
- **Temporary Services:** Susan mentioned that book requests and checkouts for community members are being handled at the Hub, a former dining establishment now serving as a library services and study space.
- **Access Restrictions:** Susan explained that the building housing the temporary service desk is restricted to university ID cardholders, but community members can still request and pick up books during service desk hours.

### Future Meeting Dates

<b>Sailor Advisory Committee</b>	<b>SLRC Commission</b>
<i>October 29, 2024</i>	<i>November 10, 2024</i>
<i>December 17, 2024</i>	<i>January 21, 2025</i>
<i>March 18, 2025 (this meeting)</i>	<i>April 15, 2025</i>
<i>May 20, 2025</i>	<i>June 24, 2025</i>

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.