

**Sailor Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010
State Library Resource Center**

Attendees:

Audra Caplan (chair), Ann Smith, Craig Abresch, Daria Parry, David Paul, Greg Talley, Irene Padilla, Jim DeArmey, Margaret Burri, Michael Gannon, Michael Walsh, Scott Reinhart, Stuart Ragland

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was convened at 10:20 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting were approved with one amendment. Gale will not include School IP addresses in the GeoIP validation. This statement will be removed from the minutes.

MARINA Report

There has been progress with URSA 4.2 upgrade. Testing has begun with Horizon libraries and webinars are scheduled in March to bring in Innovative and TLC. NCIP doesn't function properly yet for TLC so testing has been set aside while TLC works directly with Sirsi/Dynix. The next step will be to move ahead with Polaris. Once the initial testing has been completed there will be regional in-person training.

Scott Reinhart and Bob Kuntz met with Gary Rautenstrauch to talk to him about Ursa problems. There were certain things such as improperly printed wrappers that need to be addressed. He was aware of them. Scott sent a reminder email to him yesterday.

There is a feeling that Sirsi/Dynix may not be committed to the continuing development of the Ursa product and that they may be planning to sell it to another vendor. There are few new customers for this product and development has been slow. There are no other reasonable alternatives to Ursa.

Sailor Network Report (Mike Walsh)

Sailor is continuing to work on upgrade for Montgomery with Comcast and for Garrett with Network Maryland. Howard and Harford are getting upgrades via Comcast service. Washington is moving to an OC-3 circuit and Talbot is getting a temporary wireless link during a building renovation. Allegany has decided to stay with the County and won't be rejoining the Sailor.

Sailor Network Managers Group (Stuart Ragland)

The group had met earlier in the month in Annapolis. Stuart sent out minutes in advance of our meeting. Stuart encouraged everyone to participate in the Governor's speed test in order to get an accurate picture of bandwidth.

There was a question about the discussion of blu-ray discs in libraries. The general feeling is that libraries aren't moving forward quickly on this, although some libraries have begun to build collections.

Database Update

Gale IP Authentication Update (Audra Caplan)

This has been completed and is working for libraries that use Sailor for user validation. Libraries that don't go through Sailor need to know what they have to do to enable this feature. Ann and Stuart will work to distribute this information.

There is additional complexity brought about by the discussion at MAPLA to distinguish zip codes to assign usage statistics. MAPLA had a discussion about split ZIP codes and will be working to decide how numbers assigned to those ZIPs will be tallied. There is a lack of reliability in the reporting since many IP addresses are assigned to a main location for the internet service provider and may not accurately indicate the location of the customer. The overall totals will be more accurate than more local breakdowns.

Database Review Committee Update (Audra Caplan)

A meeting has been scheduled with good representation from public, academic, school and regional libraries. Two preliminary bids have come in but we're waiting for one from Proquest.

MLC Update (Irene Padilla)

All groups have reviewed the strategic plan. The draft strategic plan will be presented to the group at a meeting in May with the expectation that it will be adopted.

Budget Update

Ann Smith distributed a budget overview document. While the budget is tight, there is a possibility of a savings on network management. The overall goal for the budget is to hold the line at current funding.

For databases, the possibility remains for consortial purchase outside Sailor funding. There has been some resistance to this from some libraries who feel that by standing alone they may get a better price.

Sailor Project Quarterly Report (Stuart Ragland)

There were no anomalies in the statistics from the Sailor web site. The Maryland Lottery continues to be a very active section. A large amount of traffic is also generated from hits on various databases. In the past there had been some concern that we might not be getting accurate numbers to make purchase decisions but the numbers that have been given to the review

committees have been complete and as accurate information as can be collected.

The databases that are purchased through Sailor are bought for the entire State, not for public libraries only. A science database is needed for both schools and public libraries. Irene recommended that we request proposals for access through public libraries and for access through public and school libraries in order to compare prices and measure the financial impact of including schools in the contracts.

Director's Requests

No Director's requests had been submitted.

Other Business

The Sailor web site redesign can be added as a standing item on the agenda for future meetings. The redesign is about 1/3 of the way completed. The Sailor web site is being created and hosted on the Ektron content management system.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned t 11:36 a.m. Our next meeting will be June 10 at 10:15 a.m. in the Poe Room of the State Library Resource Center.