

**SCRLC Advisory Committee on Information Technologies and Services
Monday, 8 March 2010 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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Ithaca, NY**

Notes

Present: Ellen Bahr, Bill Drew, Rich Entlich, Matthew Hogan, Dave Lewis, Mary-Carol Lindbloom, Erin Rushton, Sue Tanner, Ann Voorhees; Virtually: Laura Dixon, Annie McFarland, Al Oliveras.

Excused: Mark Smith, Maribeth Krupczak

1. Welcome

- Mary-Carol welcomed the group; committee members introduced themselves.

2. Review of 17 November Notes

- Accepted.

3. Committee structure, 2010 objectives

- Mary-Carol reviewed the Committee's objectives for 2010.
- Brief discussion resulted in the addition of two additional activities: a) the overlap analyses; b) review of emerging technologies.

4. RBDB program

2010 Budget review/revision

- Mary-Carol reviewed the present status of NYS budget including the projected budget cut of 16.16%. This percentage may guide our consideration of e-resources for the upcoming period.

Program review-2010 Budget

- Committee reviewed the RBDB budget with special emphasis on e-resources and NewsBank.

Plan of Service

- Mary-Carol mentioned that we are entering a year of planning, in that the new Plan of Service will be due next April. This is a good time to examine carefully the RBDB program.

5. Committee Projects

- a. **Database Overlap Analysis.** Rich reviewed his findings, with questions remaining about the value and use of some of the titles, despite the 37% overlap. A vendor counter compliant report was suggested.
- b. **NewsBank/Gale.** Matt presented the NB/Gale analysis. More data is needed to understand the value of NB and its use. Bill and Dave suggested using Serial Solutions to uncover the overlap between NB and NOVELny (i.e., Gale). In this case, too, a counter compliant report would help – Does NB offers such reports? Matthew will check. Matthew suggested expanding the review of newspapers to “current events” given the rapidly changing news environment.

Mary-Carol will lead the development of a new electronic resources needs assessment survey, which is essential given the budget and that we’re moving into a new Plan of Service.

- c. **Emerging Technologies.** Brief discussion.

6. Technology Plan

- Committee members will review and get back to Mary-Carol with any changes or additions. The Tech Plan is needed for e-rate.

7. Updates

- a. **Tools of History.** Bill asked what ToH could provide for higher education; Matthew outlined plan to support all grades levels.
- b. **Virtual Reference Services Update/Review.** Al had asked about statistics. In 2009, the overall AskUs 24/7 volume was 15,891.
- c. **Resource Sharing.** Tabled.
- d. **Text Reference.** Although QP and Text-a-Librarian are now in partnership, there is no collaborative aspect to this; therefore, My Info Quest remains the only collaborative SMS text reference project. Participation in it is free from now until the end of December
- e. **Academic Librarians’ Conference.** It is in Ithaca and very technology-focused including brain and technology, Horizon Report, e-readers, mobile technology, and augmented reality. The committee was urged to register.
- f. **LSTA Grant/Tech Trends.** Mary-Carol reviewed the components of the new grant, which includes two technology-focused e-conferences, a digitization training component, e-readers, online registration, and the evaluation of different distance learning platforms including WebEx, Adobe-Connect, and Second Life.

Notes taken by Matthew and Mary-Carol