

SCRLC Advisory Committee on Information Technologies and Services
Wednesday, 8 October 2008
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
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Ithaca, NY

Minutes

Present: Ellen Bahr, Dave Lewis, Anne McFarland, Mary-Carol Lindbloom

Excused: Rich Entlich, Beth Brown, Mark Smith, Jennifer Schlossberg, Sue Tanner, Ann Voorhees, Susan Deer, Sue Bretscher

1. Introductions, minutes from last meeting, review of committee charge.

Several members called prior to the meeting with last-minute emergencies; since two of the committee members were already on the road, the meeting went on as planned. The last minutes may be from the 20 December 2007 meeting; if anyone has notes from March 2008, please forward a copy to Mary-Carol.

2. SCRLC tech update

SCRLC's training center now has a SMART Board, two projectors and speakers. Two scanners were acquired for digitization; one will circulate to libraries participating in the *Tools of History*. The Tools of History website and SCRLC's website are under development; Data Momentum will be working with both pieces. The sites may be hosted remotely and will use content management software.

3. RBDB

Funding: 2009 funding levels are unknown at this time. 2008 monies may have been reduced by 2.88% to \$213,067. Initially the 2008 monies comprised \$156,709 to pay for electronic databases. This line was increased after only two libraries applied for grants using 2008 money, but due to increased database costs, SCRLC used 13,000 from the database fee part of the membership dues to pay the difference. Database prices are not expected to remain at current levels; if there are additional funding cutbacks, the Committee will need to look very carefully at the databases provided. Committee members present suggested looking at WilsonSelect, in that there is overlap in coverage of some of the databases supplied by the State Library. It was also suggested to send BARC out for bid, or take it back "in house" at SCRLC, if necessary.

Plan/Application. The 2009 application was discussed. Those present suggested adding a line for "new technology" projects, which can be supported with RBDB funds according to the information supplied by the State Library (NOTE: the suggestion was made to attach a copy of that document to the application form; Mary-Carol subsequently located it at lakenet.org. The link is in the application form). Mary-Carol will investigate whether or not there are additional SCRLC libraries who could benefit from ILLiad. The recommendation was also made to include a sentence on the application form about needing to submit a one-page or less final report, as well as an offer to share a past application for those who may not have applied in the past (Alfred U volunteered theirs).

3. Resource Sharing.

- Regional delivery survey: The Resource Sharing task force is looking at the delivery subsidy for next year and delivery options.
- Upcoming SIG meeting: November 17 at the Corning Museum of Glass. Cyril Oberlander from SUNY Geneseo will be the guest speaker.

4. Digitization: Tools of History Update. The digitization committee met recently to finalize documents. Alfred University, Brome County Public Library, and Elmira College will be joining Ithaca College and NYSHA, who transferred their collections to the ToFH. The website experienced a setback when the designer quit without warning in February. Repeated attempts to get the designs failed; as mentioned, SCRLC is now back on track.

5. Next meeting? DECEMBER 8, 10-12AM. The Committee will attempt to meet in person. The option of using OPAL (Online Programming for all Libraries) was discussed. It is thought that OPAL might be a way for those unable to drive from a distance during inclement weather, to attend remotely. See www.opal-online.org for more information. You will need to download a small applet if you've not used the software before.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Carol Lindbloom
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