

**SENYLRC**  
**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**DATE: March 9, 2005**  
**MINUTES AND ACTIONS**

Attendees: Sheryl Augustine, Jon Grennan, Maxine Kamin, Tessa Killian, May Knapp, Athena Nazario, Charyl Pollard, Ellen Rubin, Amy Schuler, John Shaloiko, Mary Ann Van Benschoten  
Excused: Twila Snead, Terry Sparks

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

▪ **Discussion For 2005-06 Subsidy**

- Replies to the short survey on ABC-CLIO's "History Twins" indicate that twelve out of the fourteen libraries, who currently subscribe would renew at the current WALDO price without a RBDB Subsidy. If we eliminate the subsidy for this resource, then what other databases can we offer to academic libraries?
- The three Gale Virtual Reference Library titles: Encyclopedia of World Biography, U\*X\*L Encyclopedia of Science and the Worldmark Encyclopedia of Nations are now available to all non-profit libraries in the region through SENYLRC. To continue after September 1, 2005 through August, 2006 the access cost \$5,000. The cost to keep the original three titles and add five more is \$32,000. ERAC needs to decide how to proceed.
- Federated searching – Still waiting on the NYS project. Serials Solutions Central search is still an option, but is this a good use of RBDB subsidy money? If we choose to subsidize a federated searching service, it is okay to have the two projects operate simultaneously.
- Still waiting for the prices for the FirstSearch Base Package with Wilson Full Text.

▪ **Opportunities with WALDO for resources to subsidize**

Rob Karen was our guest for the remainder of the meeting. Rob discussed several vendors and resources may be of interest to several library types and may be good candidates for a subsidy.

- Newsbank: Expanded coverage. Costly, but quality is there. This could take a long time to negotiate. Regional prices could range from \$40,000 - \$60,000 and structured as a three to four year contract. ERAC needs to know the regional papers included.
- Wilson: Possible to put together a package by library type, something equivalent to the Wilson Select Plus. They can do custom pricing and group pricing for shared simultaneous user ports.
- Sage: Ten full text collections of e-journals on different topics. 30-40 titles in each collection. Very unique for academic libraries. Priced appropriately.
- XRefer: Reference e-book collection. Virtual collection of e-reference titles. Good e-book interface. Rob needs the defined population.
- History E-Book Project: 800-900 e-books mostly on American history. MARC records available for no additional fees.
- Accessible Archives: Newspapers from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Country Histories. Godey's Lady's Book.
- Alexander Street Press: They have many new projects and new ideas. Primary source materials and humanities.

Comments from Rob – The ability to negotiate a price with the vendor depends upon the current customer base. In order to obtain consortium pricing for these resources, Rob needs a long list of libraries in the region by type that includes population, FTE, etc. Rob also needs a shorter list of current subscribers. TK will provide this information to Rob.

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