

Approved, December 14, 2006

SENYLRC Technology Review and Advisory Committee

DATE: October 24, 2006

MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Attendees: John Barrie, Jon Grennan, Elizabeth Horvath, Anne McCarthy Kennedy, Colleen Lougen, Kari Mack, Stuart Moss, Laurie Shedrick, Amy Schuler, Terry Sparks, John Shaloiko, Tessa Killian, Judy Fischetti

Excused: Frank Appell, Ellen Rubin

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ◆ John Shaloiko reviewed the purpose and functions of TRAC and the New York State law that establishes a regional automation committee. The role of the regional automation committee regarding the RBDB application has diminished due to static funding from New York State resulting in minimal new program options. In order to give TRAC a greater role, TRAC and the Electronic Resources Advisory Committee (ERAC) have merged with TRAC resuming responsibility to recommend funding amounts for electronic resources and selection of databases. Also, TRAC will recommend technology related continuing education programs.
- ◆ J. Shaloiko reviewed the RBDB budget. The RBDB application, previously due in the fall, is now due early next year and committee decisions are not needed at this time. General state aid has not increased for over 8 years except for some additional temporary funds last year. RBDB budget items that are open for discussion include equipment upgrade, miscellaneous automation of approximately \$10,000 and funding of continuing education programs. The future of SEAL – Southeastern Access to Libraries comprised of the virtual union catalog and ILL system is in question due to its declining use. The Board of Trustees president has convened an Interlibrary Loan Task Force of higher level decision makers in the region. The group is given the charge to look at the current picture of resource sharing in the region and to come up with a recommendation to the Board for intersystem interlibrary loan. Resource sharing activities in the region include OCLC use by academics libraries, three academics using Connect NY, the two public library systems using holds and SEAL for intersystem ILL.
- ◆ J. Shaloiko described Information Delivery Services (IDS), a resource sharing program developed and promoted by SUNY Geneseo. Libraries participating in IDS agree to process interlibrary loans quickly with the goal of 48 hour turnaround time for periodical articles and 72 hour turnaround time for books. ILLIAD software is used by IDS participants so that statistics and the timing of ILL requests can be monitored. A participating library needs to be an OCLC participant, use ILLIAD ILL management software, acquire a scanner, have staff dedicated for ILL day and evenings and have staff attend annual training. LAND, Nylink sponsored delivery, is used to expedite shipping of materials. Another shipping method being considered is an arrangement with UPS called Campus Ship. The Central NY Library Resources Council is currently contracting with UPS for this service on a limited pilot basis. SUNY Geneseo has turned to the 3 R's for up to \$5,000 startup from each council for further statewide rollout of the program. The funds will be used for training and software. The committee discussed costs, delivery, the relevancy to institutions on academic level, staff commitment, use by small special or academics as well as Bard, Vassar & USMA's commitment to Connect NY.

- ◆ RBDB funds are available for TRAC to sponsor technology related continuing education programs that would be open to all library staff in the region. The committee brainstormed ideas for CE and the following suggestions were made:
 - Use federated searching program for model
 - National “guru” familiar with technology trends, such as Andy Pace, or “Smart Libraries” columnists Marshall Breeding or Tom Peters
 - Subsidize online training Element K – SEFLIN has a large group contract. Can sponsor seats from ALA.
 - ACRL web-based training
 - Webinars
 - LITA Institute & others for canned programs
 - Google Scholar
 - Web management
 - EDM electronic resource management
 - Marketing of ER
 - Thin clients?
 - Mixed success for half day or day long programs on Microsoft
 - Podcasting
 - Usability studies
 - ADA compliance for webpages, compliance next stage for Kuzweil reader, test your webpage for compliance (“BOBBY)
 - Open source technology
- ◆ Tessa Killian reviewed the subsidized electronic resources focusing on FirstSearch. Three of New York State’s 3 R’s councils including SENYLRC share 15 ports for the use of FirstSearch. There are times when all ports are use and users cannot access the databases. There is an issue with the other 3 R’s councils for the value of the FirstSearch packet. The considerations for continuation of the current package include: Wilson Full Text Select, consortial pricing for ports discontinued by OCLC, duplication with NOVEL and the need for consensus by all current participating councils. The price to subscribe on our own is several thousand dollars. Recommendation is needed by February for selection of databases.
- ◆ T. Killian reviewed the status of HRVH. The current LSTA funded training is coming to a close. Southeastern will be applying for a new LSTA grant to create a curriculum for K-12 for NY State history and digitize necessary resources. Considerations include the need by students for primary resources, what collections to add to HRVH and how to encourage teachers to use it. Grant funds will be used to pay a consultant to develop the curriculum and for vendor digitization of items. Digitization of newspapers is a council priority. Issues and challenges learned from digitizing issues of “Kinderhook Rough Notes” include choice of a platform, whether or not to use CONTENTdm as the platform, quality of digitized historical newspapers, the OCR success rate and article segmentation.

ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ Decision to allocate funds for IDS was postponed and will be discussed at the next TRAC meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 11, 2006 9:30 am – 11:30 am; rescheduled to December 14, 2006 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

LOCATION: Southeastern

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