

SENYLRC Technology Review and Advisory Committee

DATE: February 13, 2007

MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Attendees: John Barrie, Jon Grennan, Beti Horvath, Anne McCarthy Kennedy, Colleen Lougen, Kari Mack, Amy Schuler, Terry Sparks, John Shaloiko, Tessa Killian, Judy Fischetti, Zack Spalding

Excused: Frank Appell, Stuart Moss, Ellen Rubin, Laurie Shedrick

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ◆ The committee viewed an online/conference call demonstration of Element K. The demo including a review of the course catalog as well as sample courses. Courses are bundled into groupings for which the vendor uses the term “libraries”. These libraries include computer professional, CISCO, Harvard management mentor plus, courses for Microsoft certification, leadership and office productivity. Administrative tracking of users and website set up was discussed. Other considerations discussed with the vendor included updates, flash and shockwave to view, text sizes and v-labs. New York State OGS pricing is available for some of the libraries of courses including computer professional and office productivity. The committee discussed implementation and possible grant subsidies for regional libraries. TRAC members were given trial logins to use Element K prior to the next meeting.
- ◆ John Shaloiko indicated the sections of the 2007-08 RBDB budget that are open for discussion. These include continuing education, digital projects and electronic resources. Further digitization of newspapers is on hold while open source platforms are explored.
- ◆ Tessa Killian reviewed statistics for use of ACLS History E-Book project and FirstSearch database during 2006 by participating libraries. Ports for using FirstSearch are shared with two other councils. Pricing for next year is based on the statistics for the previous year. SENYLRC statistics were raised this year due to one academic library’s inclusion of FirstSearch in their federated search product. This may affect our cost share with the other councils. Questions raised for consideration of subsidies for electronic resources include how much to use of unspent funds, do we offer a fourth database and do we increase cost share by use.

ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ Anne McCarthy Kennedy moved to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2006 meeting with the change of “up to \$1500” instead of “unspent money”. John Barrie seconded. The motion passed as moved.
- ◆ Element K trial login access was made available to committee members for demo use. The committee indicated the need to use the trial access before voting on subsidizing access for regional libraries.
- ◆ John Barrie moved to approve the 2007-08 RBDB budget as presented. Anne McCarthy Kennedy seconded. The motion passed as moved.
- ◆ A demo or training of ACLS that would be open to library staff as well as history faculty was requested.

OTHER MEETING NOTES:

Further discussion of Element K will take place at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2007 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

LOCATION: SENYLRC lower level conference room

RECORDER: Judy Fischetti