

*Approved, November 20, 2007*

## **SENYLRC Technology Review and Advisory Committee**

**DATE: September 18, 2007**

### ***MINUTES AND ACTIONS***

**Attendees:** John Barrie, Anne McCarthy Kennedy, Terry Sparks, Amy Schuler, Kari Mack, Laurie Shedrick, Beti Horvath, Elaine Goldman, Matt Smith, Stuart Moss, John Shaloiko, Tessa Killian, Zack Spalding, Judy Fischetti

**Excused:** Colleen Lougen, Ellen Rubin

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- ◆ John Shaloiko reviewed the Regional Bibliographic Data Bases and Interlibrary Resource Sharing Program (RBDB) and the advisory role of the TRAC committee. RBDB funds are used to advance library automation and technology for all libraries in the region. The slight increase this past year has been the first increase in more than a decade; although the cost of project activities has increased. J. Shaloiko briefly described the components of the RBDB budget including resource sharing items including the VDX license and cost for OCLC/Nylink interlibrary loan, electronic resources, the Mandarin OPAC service and the HRVH digitization project. Due to a recent hardware upgrade, some of the funds kept in reserve for equipment were recently used for an Oracle license. OCLC PICA's agreements with Oracle had changed necessitating the licensing cost.
- ◆ Judy Fischetti demonstrated Element K for new committee members. The committee revisited the issue of using RBDB funds to partially subsidize Element K for the region. Due to the free availability of Element K for public library staff, time constraints for regional libraries' staff, the large amount of time needed to market and promote the service to the region by SENYLRC staff, lack of interest as well as the availability of online Microsoft help, the committee tabled the RBDB subsidy of Element K for the region. The committee discussed hands-on Microsoft CE workshops that had been held at SENYLRC in the past and recommended holding additional programs during the next year.
- ◆ The committee discussed holding a technology based CE event with a nationally recognized presenter such as Marshall Breeding. M. Breeding's areas of expertise include next-generation library interfaces, open source applications and business trends of companies involved in library automation. The committee discussed the practicality of a presentation by him and who would be attracted to attend. Laurie Shedrick volunteered to work with SENYLRC staff to help plan the event.
- ◆ It was also reported that the regional academic directors would like to see SENYLRC plan two technology based continuing education programs including information commons and federated searching.

- ◆ J. Fischetti reviewed the recommendations of the ILL Task Force. The ad hoc task force, composed of leaders in the library arena in the Southeastern region, met three times during 2006-07. Of particular interest to the TRAC committee is the recommendation to continue the SEAL ILL System using Virtual Document eXchange (VDX) software that is funded through RBDB.
- ◆ Tessa Killian reviewed current subsidies for electronic resources. These include the FirstSearch base package with Wilson Select (59 libraries have subscribed), ACLS History e-book project (162 libraries have subscribed) and three GVRL titles to which all non-profit libraries in the region have access. Consideration of electronic resources licenses for the RBDB subsidy will be undertaken by TRAC beginning this fall for the 2008-09 year. New titles suggested by TRAC members for possible subsidies include Congressional Quarterly and the Wall Street Journal.

**ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- ◆ Laurie Shedrick moved to approve the April 10, 2007 minutes. Terry Sparks seconded. The motion passed as moved.
- ◆ Elaine Goldman moved to use \$3,000 for hands-on office productivity workshops and table the subsidy for Element K. Stuart Moss seconded. The motion passed as moved.

**NEXT MEETING:** TRAC meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month as needed. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

**LOCATION:** SENYLRC Lower Level Conference room

**RECORDER:** Judy Fischetti