



Sailor Advisory Committee

Via Zoom

September 30, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Michael Gannon, Michael Brown, Mike Fried, Ed Goyda, Darcell Graham, Mattie Hines, Erica Jenson, Michael Johnson, Bob Kuntz, Kevin Middleton, Paula Mitchell, Carla Moore, Ryan Rickels, Tamar Sarnoff, Wesley Wilson, Jim Gillispie

Welcome & Introductions (Michael Gannon)

- Round-robin introductions for new and old members

Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2021

Motion – Bob Kuntz

Second – Erica Jenson

Minutes approved

Welcome New Pratt Library CIO Mike Fried (Michael Gannon)

- **Comments (Mike Fried)**
 - Pleased to join the SAC and excited about the resources SAILOR brings to the citizens of Maryland.
 - Blown away with the scale of network volume, support for libraries and schools, and impressive uptime at 99.95%.
 - Thinks of SAC as a forum for generating ideas to move SAILOR forward and hold SLRC accountable.
- **Follow-up (Michael Gannon)**
 - Reiterated Mike's comments on the value of system reliability in supporting our libraries critical operations.
 - Called upon members to help him reinvigorate SAC and collaboratively move our work beyond report sharing. (See more in Other Business below)

Sailor Technical Update (Mike Brown)

- **Maryland Wi-Fi map project – usage**
 - Free Wi-Fi, courtesy of Maryland libraries now exceeds over 354 locations.
 - Tamar noted State Library is working on graphics and announcements that libraries can share via websites.
- **FY21 Annual Report**
 - Highlighted that most statistics in report show a positive upward trend.



- **Other Updates (Michael Brown)**
 - New ISP installed in Baltimore City Municipal building to expand network redundancy.
 - Work on secondary connection via Comcast now in progress.
- **Questions from Michael Gannon**
 - Where to send SAC web page membership updates, minutes, and content for posting? Stewart Ragland at Pratt formerly handled this work. Michael Brown will investigate.

Marina Resource Sharing (Paula Mitchell)

- **Relais new contract implementation underway**
 - Reviewing and refreshing staff training regarding workflows, best practices local configuration options.
- **New Member**
 - Garrett Community College has joined Marina.

Digital Maryland Update (Michael Johnson)

- **New Collections posted or in process**
 - Maryland Art Place Archives (launched August)
 - Mutual Benefit Society of Baltimore – with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum
 - Photographs from the Maryland Dept. Pratt Library
 - Black Lives Matter – Protest Signs - with Lewis Museum and District of Columbia Public Library

Collections and Access Services Division Report (Michael Johnson)

- Successful 2021 Sailor Symposium with 70+ participants and database vendors.
- Review and consideration of SAILOR database offerings now underway.
- Noted divergent database needs. Schools most interested in content offerings from Gale Inc., vs libraries focus on EBSCO Inc. products. Ongoing interest in Masterfile product and Consumer Reports.
- Database review process includes exploring potential for more a la carte database selection.
- Anticipated RFP available to vendors by November 1, 2021 with potential implementation April 1, 2021.



- HeritageQuest database use shows ongoing decline during pandemic as use of Ancestry database grows. Vendor commitment to remote patron access for Ancestry database scheduled to end with current calendar year 2021.

SLRC Oversight Commission Report (Michael Gannon)

- **Strategic Planning**
 - Development of new 3-year strategic plan underway. Plan goals devoted to four area:
 - Awareness/Marketing
 - Training
 - Organizational effectiveness
 - Technology
 - Plan Committee will present Strategic Plan to SLRC Oversight Commission.

Other Business

- **General Discussion on reinvigorating the work of SAC**
 - Michael Gannon will reach out to others to begin the process of drafting a charter for SAC's work. He will also explore with Irene Padilla, State Librarian, the issues on which she most needs input from SAC.
 - For the December 2021 SAC meeting, Michael Gannon will draft a set of possible objectives to guide SAC work.
 - Michael Fried also wants to learn more from SAC members about directions at their local libraries: what is going well, what needs improvement, and how SAC can help?
- **Tamara looking to know more about OWL**
 - Ryan at Harford County offered suggestions.

Next meeting: December 16, 10:00 AM

Motion to adjourn:

Erica Jenson

Seconded – Ryan Rickels

Minutes revised Jim G. 12/16/21