

**STATEWIDE DATABASE LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Oregon State Library-Room B9 (or by phone)**

October 29, 2010

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Committee members present:** Dolores Judkins, Linda Weight, Glenna Rhodes, John Russell, Stephen Cox, Tony Greiner, Greg Doyle

**Committee members present via telephone:** Sean Park, Canon Crawford

**Committee members absent:** Chris Tanner, Jennifer Arns, Linda Malone, Mary McClintock

**Staff present:** Jim Scheppke, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Jennifer Maurer, Mary Mayberry

**Welcome, Agenda Review, and Approve Minutes of March 5, 2010 meeting:**

Chair Linda Weight called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. The agenda was approved and introductions were made. Stephen Cox moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2010 meeting; Dolores Judkins seconded his motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Opposing Viewpoints and LearningExpress update:**

*Opposing Viewpoints* – MaryKay Dahlgreen talked about past meetings and decisions regarding additional databases. Jennifer Maurer mentioned that K12 libraries were pleased with Opposing Viewpoints. Stephen Cox said that Salem-Keizer schools saved some money on this because the state library paid for this service. Jim Scheppke asked that refunds/credits for Opposing Viewpoints be followed up on with Gale.

*LearningExpress* – MaryKay Dahlgreen said that the Library Board approved the purchase of LearningExpress and that LearningExpress is reviewing the contract, which was a sole source procurement arranged by OSL's Business Manager. A five-year contract is being negotiated, with payments to be made annually. Refunds will be given to libraries that have a current subscription to LearningExpress. The state librarian has been in touch with the Oregon employment division. WorkSource centers are eager to have LearningExpress. Discussion ensued regarding LearningExpress, libraries, on-site training, geolocation, and possible funding from the Oregon employment division. LearningExpress will be available on the Oregon Portal when that is completed.

**Administrative Rules changes update:**

Linda Weight noted that the Administrative Rules have changed to reflect the contract with Gale. MaryKay Dahlgreen says the Board adopted the amended rules which reflect the expansion of databases from general periodicals and the loss of the Oregonian from Newsbank. Cost-sharing for L-net will be decided by the Board at their December meeting.

### **SDLAC by-laws update:**

Linda Weight reviewed the background of by-law changes. Under LSTA by-laws, the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee is a committee of the LSTA Advisory Council and its by-laws have been integrated into the LSTA Advisory Council by-laws. John Russell said that his understanding was that school library representatives were to be drawn from the Oregon Association of School Libraries but this isn't in the new by-laws so they will be drawn from school library staff at large.

### **Academic library journal list and other Gale discussion:**

Dolores Judkins (representing public universities) and Tony Greiner (representing community colleges) put together a list of over 1200 titles for academic libraries, 38 of which were requested by all four librarians working on the list. Of the 38 titles, Gale had already added 11. Other new titles are being added by Gale. Tony Greiner suggested sending the entire list of 1200 titles to Gale. Dolores Judkins will send the list to Deb Austin at Gale.

Public Libraries miss *Consumer Reports*. According to Jim Scheppke, COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) will confront Consumers Union regarding their mission vis-à-vis libraries. Discussion ensued regarding companies that have “exclusives.” Greg Doyle feels that academic libraries are being shortchanged in that LearningExpress and Opposing Viewpoints are not academic and that there should be more choices for academic libraries; Dolores Judkins agreed. Tony Greiner disagrees about Opposing Viewpoints from community college perspective. Suggestion was made of having two different databases, one for K12 and public libraries and another for academic libraries, so libraries could choose one or the other. Jim Scheppke says OSL could do an RFP for school, public, and tribal libraries and then for the academic libraries look at some sort of subsidy, maybe through ORBIS. Greg Doyle suggested that the difference between the cost of the Gale databases and what is left in the budget for databases (around \$65,000) could go to academic libraries. MaryKay Dahlgreen suggested negotiating with Gale for a product that would satisfy the academic libraries. Linda Weight says smaller libraries need general foundation databases. Stephen Cox suggests that a one-size-fits-all database is not going to work. A subsidy to ORBIS would cover nearly all academics; even public libraries can join if they pay a fee. Suggestion was made that Gale be extended for a year and then do an RFP for a tiered system, or, go with Gale and subsidize academics, and negotiate the price down with Gale. There was general agreement that ideally K12 and the public libraries need different products than academic libraries. Misgivings were expressed about a two-tier RFP, in that public libraries might get considerably less for adult patrons. Tony Greiner brought up problems with link resolvers and Gale. He says there are frustrations with the technology as well as customer service with Gale. MaryKay Dahlgreen will pursue a solution to the link resolver problem with Gale.

### **Action items:**

- 1) Send 1200 titles to Gale before Thanksgiving 2010; Gale to respond by Feb. 1, 2011.
- 2) Deal with link resolver problem ASAP.

- 3) Send a recommendation to the LSTA Advisory Council and the Library Board for extra funds to go to academic libraries September 2011 – August 2012 (on the regular request timeline).

Tony Greiner moved that surplus database licensing funds be reallocated to the academic libraries, as administered by ORBIS, and to begin a discussion of a larger portion of LSTA funding being allocated to the Statewide Database Licensing Program to meet the changing needs of libraries in Oregon. Dolores Judkins seconded this motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**PSU Social Work Class project:**

MaryKay Dahlgreen reported on Robin Paynter's social work class, which dealt with information for social work practitioners.

**UO request about the *The Oregonian* and requests for other newspapers from Gale:**

Newsbank/*The Oregonian* – MaryKay Dahlgreen said that Paul Franz at the University of Oregon said that Newsbank will have exclusive access to full text of *The Oregonian*. The problem is that UO would have to get a whole package of newspapers in order to get *The Oregonian*. Some on the committee felt that there actually is very little demand for *The Oregonian*. Tony Greiner will check with LexisNexis about database access to *The Oregonian*.

Gale has *Ashland Daily Tidings* and the *Medford Mail Tribune*. Gale is looking into getting better access to these newspapers because the online versions will soon require a subscription. Jennifer Maurer will ask Gale to get as many Oregon newspapers as they can, with complete coverage if possible.

**Elect or re-elect chair (Linda):**

The chair opened the floor to nominations for committee chair. Linda Weight declined to continue as chair. She was thanked by the committee for her hard work. Dolores Judkins moved that Tony Greiner be the next chair, and Canon Crawford seconded; the committee voted in favor unanimously. Tony said he would need to check with his director.

**Next meeting:**

Tony Greiner suggested a meeting in mid-February. There will be a Doodle poll for time and place.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.