

Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee Meeting
Oregon State Library - Room 103 (or by phone)
February 20, 2014
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Members present:

Chair, Jane Nichols, Brent Mills, Diane Sotak, Garnetta Wilker, Liz Paulus, Stephen Cox, Marion Mercier, Marika Pineda and Carol Dinges, LSTA representative.

Members present via phone:

Glenna Rhodes.

Staff present:

MaryKay Dahlgreen, Susan Westin, Arlene Weible and Ferol Weyand.

Welcome and housekeeping

Chair, Jane Nichols called the meeting to order at 10:07

The minutes from October 28, 2013 and August 19, 2013 were reviewed.

Sotak moved to approve Seconded by Paulus. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on status of Gale contract and LearningExpress Library upgrade

Weible reported on the discussion of the committee's procurement report and recommendations with the OSL Board in December 2013. When the LSTA Council considered the report, they recommended delaying consideration of the recommendation related to the academic community. However, Dahlgreen recommended to the OSL Board that the SDLAC pursue all of the recommendations and the Board concurred. So, the SDLAC has been charged with developing recommendations to address the need for a general encyclopedia product for the K-12 community and a resource for the academic community.

Weible is working with the State's procurement staff on the Gale contract. The term of the current draft is for two years, with an option to renew annually. She will be working to verify that the content promised in Gale's proposal is documented in the contract. The major changes in content include the addition of National Geographic Kids, Business Insights Global, and more content in Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL). A question was raised about whether GVRL content is owned or leased. Weible indicated that Gale's model is to lease, but will confirm that in the contract.

Weible also reported that Gale has a new agreement with Britannica to include their general encyclopedia content in GVRL. She also met Carrie Randall, a new Consortial Product Relations Manager who is working more closely with bringing in new content in Gale products and is very open to receiving suggestions. Weible suggested that the committee may want to some recommendations to her. It was suggested that a list of journal titles that was developed by the committee several years ago would be a good starting point for identifying content to recommend. Weible will forward the list of titles to the committee and it can be decided via email if a recommendation to Gale should be developed.

Weible also reported on the upgrade of LearningExpress Library to the new 3.0 platform. Library directors were provided with information to access the new platform, and were encouraged to consider providing access to both the new and old platform to assure that users could finish their work. Individual user accounts are not transferable between the platforms. The old platform will be discontinued in June 2014. Weible reported on the difficulties encountered in disseminating specific account information through library directors. She will explore options for establishing a specific SDLP contact list in the future.

Budget update

Dahlgreen had just returned from a legislative budget hearing and reported that the 2nd year of the State Library's funding will be considered at the May 2014 meeting of the Emergency Board. She also reported that a legislative task force now being formed to address reorganization issues.

Dahlgreen also reported on some initial talks she has had with the Department of Education to contribute funding to K-12 services provided by the State Library. They are considering this for their 2015/2017 budget, which will be submitted this fall. Dahlgreen has asked that they consider funding ½ of the services, including databases. Strategies for communicating the needs of schools were discussed, and Cox agreed to meet separately with Dahlgreen to discuss further.

Westin reports an increase of about \$70,000 in the 2014 LSTA allotment from the IMLS. Currently, the State Library has \$400,000 allocated for databases, and is anticipating the Gale contract will be \$350,000 per year. She asked for clarification from the committee if their recommendation is to negotiate a multi-year contract, and it was agreed that was the preference.

Dahlgreen thanked the committee for their work with the RFP and the selection of the databases.

Discuss format of SDLP session at OLA Conference on April 18, 2014

There will be a conference session called *What's New (and not New) with the Statewide Database Licensing Program?* Nichols and Weible will present. They would like to do small group discussions for part of the program. This will be a good opportunity to inform library people about the program and processes in general. One of the questions could be how much money there is for program and more information about product costs. It was suggested to have a PowerPoint slide with each proposal bid to help explain the decision to go with Gale. Also, survey data should be presented to show the committee's work to identify needs of each of the constituent groups. The committee also expressed the desire to get feedback from the group at the session. Nichols/Weible will send out an email closer to the OLA conference inviting committee members to assist with session.

Short Lunch Break

Housekeeping

Weible reported that there will be 3 open positions on the committee when current terms end on June 30, 2014.

- Position #1 - Public libraries serving under 25,000
- Position #2 - Academic libraries in the Oregon University System (OUS)

- Position #3 - Member from Oregon Association of School Librarians. (OASL)

Weible will be announcing the process for nominations soon, and committee members were asked to encourage nominations. The nominees will be chosen at the LSTA Council meeting in May 2014.

The committee will also need to choose a new chair, since Nichols will complete her term in June. After some discussion, Nichols moved to nominate Cox. Mercier seconded the motion. Cox agreed to take over as Chair in July. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss potential resources to recommend for SDLP

The Committee discussed potential resources to further pursue for the program. Given the interest in a general encyclopedia product, Weible would like to gather more information from Gale about their Britannica offerings. WorldBook is also a strong contender, since it has links to current curriculum. K-8 is the group with the highest need of general encyclopedia content. Given the current budget allocation there is approximately \$50,000 to work with. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) might be a good partner, but the amount that they might contribute is unknown. Wilker and Cox agreed to write up some language that describes the need for a general encyclopedia product in the K-12 community.

The Committee discussed the gaps in content in Gale products, including videos, business, nursing, non-fiction e-books, and local newspapers. Oregonian full-text content would be very desirable, and would serve all of the library constituencies (academic, public, K-12). A resource to meet academic needs is a high priority. Providing a subsidy to help academic libraries purchase Ebsco's Academic Search Premier should be explored, and a good place to start would be to contact the Orbis Cascade Alliance.

Next meeting

The committee agreed that it would make sense to have a conference call in early May to evaluate the information gathered and consider what should be included in a progress report to the LSTA Council at their meeting on May 8-9.

Action Items

Weible will forward the list of journal titles to the committee previously asked Gale to add to its databases. It will be decided via email if a new recommendation to Gale should be developed.

Cox and Dahlgreen will meet separately to discuss strategies for communicating with the Department of Education about the needs of schools for database content.

Nichols/Weible will send out an email closer to the OLA conference inviting committee members to assist with the SDLAC session on April 18. Sotak and Paulus will help develop survey questions to get feedback from the library community on the ideas discussed at today's meeting.

Wilker and Cox will prepare some narrative text about the need for a general encyclopedia product for K-12 and send it to Nichols for further contributions by March 5. Nichols will then send to the full committee for further comment. Weible will investigate cost and package options with Gale, Britannica, and WorldBook and clarify the required procurement method.

Weible will reach out to the Orbis Cascade Alliance to help determine the best method for involving the group in discussions about potential academic resources. She will also provide the committee with information about academic library participants in the SDLP that are not Orbis Cascade members.

Weible will schedule a conference call meeting for the committee in early May.

Cox moved to adjourn. Paulus seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53