

**SAILOR Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2008
State Library Resource Center**

Attendees:

Tom Hehman, Chair, Audra Caplan, Stuart Ragland, Greg Talley, Pat Wallace, Irene Padilla, Ann Smith, Kathleen O'Connell, David Paul, Michael Walsh, Lynn Stonesifer (guest)

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

- Audra moved to approve minutes. The minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting were approved.

Sailor Network Report (Michael Walsh)

A copy of this report is available at <http://www.soc.lib.md.us/sac/reports/network/Sailor-Network-Report-17apr2008.pdf> on slrc.info.

Sailor Project (Stuart Ragland)

- The committee reviewed the Sailor Third Quarter report, available at <http://www.soc.lib.md.us/sac/reports/annuals/fy2008/fy2008qtr3-report.pdf>.
- This report is primarily a recap of the information presented in February and April. It also incorporates additional statistics concerning databases, cruise accounts, Sailor hits and library directory activity through March 31, 2008.

Sailor Databases (Pat Wallace)

- At their spring meeting, the MPERLS addressed the most useful databases and discussed priorities. Responding to committee concerns, Pat Wallace stated that SLRC staff got a late start this year, therefore, the negotiations for FY2009 databases were not completed in time for the FY2008 payment year and that the money would be lost if not spent. Staff said they thought they were negotiating FY2010 databases with FY2009 funding.
- After assessing the situation and investigating options committee members discussed how to ensure that the FY2010 Sailor databases will be negotiated in a timely manner to include K-12 needs as much as possible. Ann Smith, Lynn Stonesifer and Audra Caplan will work with Ann Yurcaba, Palinet, to develop a contract for the timely negotiation of FY2010 databases to be paid for with FY2009 funding.
- The cost per use will be assessed using Sailor Fourth Quarter data. Priorities will have to be set due to static per capita funding. Questions to be answered include “when do partners need notice about available databases, can a contract be renegotiated with existing vendors”?

Sailor Audit

SLRC staff provided information requested by the State auditor including a list of services offered and clients served (they are interested in entities down to the branch library level).

ALA Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) Meeting Report

- Mike Walsh gave an update on the meeting to discuss bandwidth issues.
- Staff will look into bandwidth issues in Maryland.

Service Recognition and Appointments

- Irene thanked Tom Hehman for his many years of service as both the Chair and a member of the Sailor Advisory Committee. We appreciate Tom's ability to see the middle ground on many issues and for his skill in helping the committee achieve consensus.
- Audra Caplan was appointed as Sailor Advisory Committee Chair in FY2009. Audra's perspective on the importance of statewide services to all Maryland libraries coupled with her experience in public libraries will help to ensure that SLRC services maintain the momentum for meeting the challenges facing all Maryland libraries.