Sailor Advisory Committee
December 17, 2024
10:00 AM

MINUTES

Attendees: Michael C. Brown, Michael Johnson, Jason Marshall, Carla Moore, Rudy Rodela, Tamar Sarnoff, Stephanie Sopka, Rachael Stein, Liz Sunderman-Zinger, Bill Taylor, Amanda Watson

Call to order: The meeting convened at 10:04 am.

Adoption of the Agenda: There were no changes to the announced agenda.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for the previous meeting on October 29, 2024, were considered. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved.

SLRC Oversight Commission Report

Rudy reported to the SLRC Oversight Commission that SLRC is now at full membership with Amanda and Jason stepping into their roles. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2025.

MSLA Announcements

Tamar discussed the governor's proposed budget expected by the end of January, which will guide advocacy efforts. Legislative day is on February 11th, and the focus will be on funding initiatives for Sailor, SLRC, state aid, and the Deaf Culture Digital Library. A thank you to Michael Brown and Michael Johnson for the special meeting regarding the outage.

State Broadband Committee Report

Carla reported no new developments, meetings, or communications for the Broadband Committee.

State Library Resource Center

Liz shared that an offer has been extended to a social science and history manager, which will free up staff time for other projects. She also discussed FY-26 budget including the financial shortfall of $2.7 billion in the state budget, which may affect the 5% increase request for the SLRC. Discussions are ongoing between the bill sponsors and SLRC.

Sailor Updates/Issues

Michael Brown provided updates on various projects, including the Charles St. fiber replacement, muni redundant POP, Leonardtown circuit build, Hagerstown fiber availability, and Eastern Shore regional data center build out, next steps with VMWare renewal or replacement. He also discussed Montgomery County's potential departure from the Sailor Network, which will likely affect network redundancy plans.

Sailor Customer Service

Report deferred to next meeting.

Marina Resource Sharing

Michael Johnson reported that demos for the Marina resource sharing software are expected in the spring. The RFP is posted, and proposals are due by the end of the month. Several organizations, including Innovative, Relay D2D, OCLC, and Autographics, have shown interest.

Digital Maryland Update

Michael Johnson noted the overall good usage for Digital Maryland and the additions to the collection from a summer project. He discussed the ongoing development of a new collection development policy for Digital Maryland. He highlighted potential projects related to the Maryland 250th anniversary (leveraging connections to the MD250 Commission), partnerships with Maryland State Archives, and new collections like artwork from Alice Webb (Ellicott City) and Domino's Sugar Factory archives.

Sailor Databases

Michael Johnson mentioned that the Sailor databases contract is nearing its end. Proposals have been received from Gale, ProQuest, and EBSCO. Trials are ongoing, and feedback is being collected. The focus is on maintaining current resources and exploring options for public libraries.

Other Business / Good of the Order: none.

Future Meeting Dates

Sailor Advisory Commission	SLRC Commission
October 29, 2024	*November 10, 2024*
December 17, 2024 (this meeting)	January 21, 2025
March 18, 2025	April 15, 2025
May 20, 2025	June 24, 2025

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

Reports

- FY-2025 Second Quarter Report: https://www.slrc.info/assets/documents/fy2025qtr1.pdf