



Sailor Advisory Committee
August 20, 2024
10:00 AM

Attendees: Michael Brown; Michael Johnson; Morgan Lehr Miller; Paula Mitchell; Daria Parry; Ryan Rickels; Rudy Rodela; Stephanie Sopka; Rachael Stein; and Shane Williams

Call to order (Daria Parry)
10:05 AM

Changes / Additions to the Agenda - None

Welcome and Recognitions (Daria Parry)

Welcome Morgan Lehr Miller

Welcome Rudy Rodela

Thanks to Ryan and Bill for reupping to another three-year term

Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2024

- Motion: Rachael Stein
- Second: Stephanie Sopka
- Discussion: None
- Approve: All

SLRC Oversight Commission Report (Daria Parry)

- **Updates** - We have two vacancies – The group will submit recommendations for the state librarian’s consideration. (See action items)
- **Questions** - None

MSLA Announcements (Morgan Lehr Miller, Maryland State Librarian)

- **Updates** – Morgan, the new State Librarian, shared updates on various initiatives, including LBPD’s National Library of the Year award at LBPD; the Hatchlings Program, shepherded by Carrie Sanders, is going national and she is working on a Teens and Privacy Program. The capital budget has been submitted, and Morgan noted that since its inception in 2008, the nature of the submissions has changed with more requests for new buildings in under-served areas. She finally announced new staff member Mandy Hutchison, administrative assistant, who replaces Elizabeth Fletcher.
- **Questions** - None

State Broadband Committee Report (Carla Moore)

- **Updates** – None. Not in attendance
- **Questions** - None

State Library Resource Center (Daria Parry for Liz Sundermann-Zinger)

- **Updates** – Liz provided notes
- **CEO Search Update** - We are doing final interviews on Monday and Tuesday (8/19 and 8/20).
- **Will the Chief of Digital Transformation position be filled?** – Unknown until the new CEO is hired.
- **SLRC Digital Presence Plan Update** We are still on target for launching the updated SLRC.info sometime in September!
- **Other Updates**
- **DEI Conference** October 29, (virtual) and October 30, (in-person)
- We are working on a new process for creating new statewide trainings and public programs. We continue to get positive feedback when we travel to libraries around the state, but there's always room to improve! Once we have our end worked out, we will also let people know if there is a preferred new way to submit requests

Sailor Updates/Issues – (Mike Brown)

- **Secondary Point in Baltimore** – In process. Still waiting on permits
- **Bandwidth Upgrades Update** – Michael Brown reported on the ongoing issues with the new circuit in Hagerstown, which had experienced multiple 24-hour outages when handled by Verizon. However, he announced that Comcast now has a charter agreement with Washington County to build the fiber for the circuit. Additionally, he mentioned that a new circuit is being put in place in Leonardtown and that the Eastern Shore Regional Library is awaiting the completion of a new data center to establish a circuit.
- **Progress on replacing VMware Update** – No update
- **E-Rate Update** – No update
- **Questions** - None

Sailor Customer Service (Shane Williams)

- **Updates** – Shane provided a stable report on customer service, inviting feedback and questions.
- **Questions** – None

Marina Resource Sharing (Paula Mitchell)

- **Updates** – A three-year delivery contract was signed with Hub City Express. This will allow for direct delivery to SMRLA, rather than relying on UPS. In September, will post an RFP for an ILS overlay. It's difficult to find vendors who will work with various ILS's and allow for each system's customization. This will be a four-year contract.
- **Questions** - None

Digital Maryland Update (Michael Johnson)

- **Updates** – Michael reported on the performance of Digital Maryland, highlighting the addition of a new collection from the Howard County Historical Society and the increase in staffing which led to a significant rise in statistics in July. He also mentioned the institution of direct downloads, which saw over 2,700 downloads in the first month. Harford asked about the process of scanning newspapers and copyright issues, to which Michael responded that he would connect Harford with the special collection's librarian. Michael

also discussed the trend of decreasing usage with Heritage Quest, a costly resource, and the plan to evaluate a new product from Ebsco for the upcoming cycle.

- **Questions** - None

Sailor Databases (Michael Johnson)

- **Updates** – All are invited to the Sailor E-Resources Symposium. Details in the links below
 - <https://www.slrc.info/conferences/sailor-symposium/>
 - <https://forms.gle/g4WatRXKGhTi5e6v7>
- **Other Updates** – Michale talked about the recent MPERLs meeting where the database survey results were reviewed, and the negotiation timeline was reviewed.
- **Questions** - None

[FY2024 First Quarter Report](#)

[FY2024 Second Quarter Report](#) - Revised Jan 30, 2024

[FY24 Third Quarter Report](#)

[FY24 Annual Report](#)

Other Business / Good of the Order

Action Items

- Morgan will send reappointment letters for Ryan and Bill to the Sailor Advisory Committee
- Daria will send Morgan the chart with the SAC vacancies and term information
- The group will send Morgan and Rudy names for the two SAC vacancies
- Michael J. will connect Daria with the Special Collections librarian regarding copyright issues for newspaper scanning projects

Future Meeting Dates:

SLRC COMMISSION SCHEDULE	SAC SCHEDULE
January 16, 2024	December 19, 2023
April 16, 2024, Rescheduled to May 7, 2024	March 19, 2024
June 18, 2024	May 21, 2024
September 3, 2024 Will determine rest of the schedule	August 20, 2024

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn – Rachael Stein
- Second – Rudy Rodela
- Approved – All
- Time – 10:44 AM