



ILS Operations & Technology Policy Joint Committee Meeting
SELCO Office – Avila Room
September 20, 2007
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Present:

Don Regelman
Renée P. Lowery
Don Overlie
Sharon Grosshardt
Susan Hart
Shirley Taylor
Dianne Plager

LaVonne Beach
Lynne Young
Chris Henderson
Ann Hutton
Donovan Lambright
Jonya Pacey, Resource Staff

Absent:

Ann Hokenson

Meeting Notes

Welcome: Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting. Susan had asked Ann to chair this meeting. Susan updated everyone about the activities in Rushford as the community struggles to recover from the flood.

General Announcements:

1. Additions to the Agenda – Discuss Blue Slips
2. February 21, regular meeting date will include a demo of the Symphony system by SirsiDynix. The joint committee is encouraged to attend. *[Note: subsequent to this meeting, SirsiDynix requested a change in demo date with new date still to be determined.]*

Unfinished Business

1) Items from Previous Meetings

a) Database Standards Committee Recommendations Update

i) Purchase Order Program

(1) Placed on hold when Craig Outcalt resigned. New Systems Manager starts on Monday and will be assuming this task.

ii) Re-labeling of the Catalog Keyword Searches

(1) Placed on hold when Craig Outcalt resigned. New Systems Manager will assume this task.

iii) Work on 730 Field

(1) Placed on hold when Craig Outcalt resigned. New Systems Manager will assume this task.

iv) Cataloging TV series to Inform Public – ILS Bulletin was distributed on this topic.

b) Spanish Language iPAC update

i) Discussion held regarding whether or not this is a viable service to move forward on at this point. After the new Systems Manager assumes the full range of duties, the possibilities of implementing this service will be evaluated.

c) Go Button Invisible on Some Browser Windows Update

i) There is an issue with the new website and some patrons' home PCs cannot see the 'Go' button as there is a graphic that is available right under the dropdown menu. It is a temporary solution will be revisited by SELCO staff. SELCO staff have been unable to

duplicate this problem. Shirley stated that it is happening at her library. SELCO staff will take a look.

d) Pricing of Additional Anti-spamware

- i) Donovan is looking at options for further spam filtering solutions to supplement what is already in place.

e) Requests to Modify System-Wide Views in the ILS

- i) Jonya is completing the last of these tasks and will send out an ILS Bulletin as soon as they are completed.

2) Value Added Services Update

- i) Donovan reported that 36 libraries have contracts in for PC Support. He will share a list of sites. Four libraries have contracts for Downloadable audiobooks. Eight libraries have contracts for Wireless service and four libraries have contracts for Premium filtering.
- ii) Discussion on Downloadable Audiobooks and PlayAways – Lynne reported she loves them despite a few drawbacks. The PlayAways are becoming very popular, there is a good selection, easy to use. Renee said there was steady but not rocketing levels of use. LaVonne agreed; both directors mentioned future promotional activities.

3) Special Projects Update - Donovan has nothing to report.

4) Review ILS Task Report

a) Discussions included:

- i) Ann asked about the need for the Spanish Language iPAC. LaVonne questioned if there is a need. Renee said Faribault Public Library is still interested and Don Overlie said Owatonna Public Library is still interested, due to Hispanic population levels in these communities. Lynne said Northfield Public Library is interested. It will help with a welcoming environment to a population that is as much as 12% in some communities.
- ii) The Summer Purchase PC Purchase is not completed due to accommodating the Albert Lea Public Library remodeling project. It is now back as a priority.

5) Discussion of new front-ends for the catalog, such as AquaBrowser, Endeca, etc.

- i) Chris asked if it would be advisable to start looking. AquaBrowser is more polished. Endeca is a more commercial product. It is important to look at what the products cannot do, and Donovan had a basic overview about these two products. Much discussion was held. Ann asked that people keep trying new things and share their opinions and findings. Metasearch products are in the tech plan as to be investigated later in the year, Donovan reported, and that selecting a robust front end online catalog would make the iPAC of a new ILS not be as important when we investigate for migration.

6) Other

- i) SirsiDynix meeting. Ann and Donovan attended a Minnesota SirsiDynix customer meeting with Gary M. Rautenstrauch, the new SirsiDynix President and CEO. The meeting was intended as time for Rautenstrauch to listen to Minnesota concerns about the future of Horizon and to hear what solutions have been offered East Central which migrated to Horizon 8.0 last year with poor results.

New Business

7) Election of Chair

- a) Susan does not wish to move into role as Chair with Jeanne Johnson's retirement. Ann called an election for chair of the ILS Operations Committee. The Board President will designate the Technology Policy Chair.

- b) Sherry and Shirley nominated Lynne
- c) Renee nominated Sherry, who declined.
- d) Lynne was elected by unanimous vote.

8) New Staff Update

- a) Ann reported that Michael (Mick) Reese will start on Monday, September 24. Donovan said he had a broad range of knowledge that will allow him to come up to speed..

9) Other

a) Blue Slips.

- i) Discussion on the realistic usability of blue slips and whether to continue using them within the SELCO region.
 - (1) Lynne moved and LaVonne seconded a motion to discontinue blue slips. Unanimous with one abstention. Motion carried.

b) Technology Plan approval

- i) SELCO received a letter from the State Library approving our Technology Plan.

Next Meeting Date: November 15, 2007, 3 – 5 pm