

# Southern California Library Cooperative Technology Committee Meeting October 29, 2020 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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## **Minutes**

#### **Members Present**

Armitage, Amanda – Ventura Arreguin, Robert – Santa Clarita Balli, Shayna – Irwindale Beck, Jaimelee - Palmdale Buehler, Craig - Torrance Delano, Margaret - Azusa Garza. Lori - Sierra Madre Gudea, Sorin – Los Angeles (County) Guerrero, Danielle - Arcadia Hahn, Michael - Glendale Herbert, Mark – El Segundo Hertzel, Christine – Long Beach Hernandez. Edward - Commerce Hogg, Amanda - Burbank Kellermeyer, Christopher – Altadena Ksenjak, Maksim - Beverly Hills Lieber, Pam – Inglewood Latkoczy, Laszlo – Palos Verdes Martin, Dan – Downey Mitchum, Cynthia - South Pasadena Roncal, Benjamin – Los Angeles (City) Sanchez, Jacqueline - Whittier

Santos, Isis – Glendale Shu, Evena – Monterey Songster, Jennifer- Long Beach Stewart, Karilyn - Calabasas Yeung, Samantha Thompson, Douglas – Redondo Beach Torres, Anita – Pomona Venegas, Greco – Santa Monica Zavinski, Tamara - Oxnard White, Rochelle – Glendora Nikki Winslow – Admin Council Liaison

#### **Staff Present**

Bednarski, Diane – SCLC Snodgrass, Nerissa – SCLC

#### Absent

Baffigo, Carlos – Pasadena Gallardo, Julie – Monrovia Mangold, Joseph – Camarillo Russell, Rebecca – San Marino Sisivath, Shannen – Alhambra Villa, Salvador – Moorpark

All items may be considered for action.

## 1. Call to order and Roll Call

Administrative Council Liaison Nikki Winslow called the first official meeting of the Technology Committee to order at 10:35 a.m.

a. Roll Call

### 2. **Public Forum**

There were no requests to speak.

# 3. Adoption of Agenda

MSP (Christopher Keller/Lori Garza) to adopt the agenda.

### 5. **Official Committee Status –** Diane Bednarski

Diane Bednarski (SCLC) reviewed the committees in place for SCLC and the difference between an interest group and committee, noting the following:

- The Committee can have at most one member from each SCLC member library. That individual serves as the voting member.
  Additional attendees from the member libraries can sit in but they are treated as members of the public.
- The Committee must comply with the Brown Act for posting agendas and conducting meetings that are open to the public. Agendas (and accompanying materials) must be published 72-hours in advance of the meeting. They will also be posted to the SCLC website.
- The Committee meetings follow Roberts Rules of Order for matters pertaining to voting, discussions and meeting protocols
- Members can only speak to topics that are on the agenda, and topics should relate to SCLC systemwide business rather than individual library business. The Round Robin section at the end of the agenda will allow members to share information about local initiatives, emerging technology and other items that may be of broad interest but do not relate directly to SCLC. Round Robin should be reporting and not discussion.
- The Committee shall have elected officers, which will be addressed in the next agenda item

# 6. **Election of Officers** – Nikki Winslow

MSP Pamela Liebert & Robert Arreguin to appoint the following slate of officers: Chair = Greco Venegas, Vice-Chair = Edward Hernandez, Secretary = Samantha Yeung. All committee members present voted Yes with the following Abstentions: Margaret Delano (Azusa), Malcolm, Douglas Thompson. Sorin Gudea did not respond to the roll call for voting.

# 7. **DigiLab** – Nerissa Snodgrass

Nerissa Snodgrass (SCLC) provided an overview of the DigiLab project, noting that 30 libraries currently participate, and additional libraries can email Nerissa if interested in becoming a participant. Several current participants shared positive remarks on the program, the scanning equipment, and the Montage software. It was noted that DigiLab differs from California Revealed in that DigiLab offers more local control.

8. SCLC Shared eResource Recommendations – Diane Bednarski Diane Bednarski (SCLC) provided background on CLSA funds that SCLC has designated for the acquisition of a shared eResource. In May 2018 - while preparing its 2019/20 CLSA Plan of Service, the SCLC Administrative Council conducted a survey of ideas on how funds might be spent. At that time, the following ideas were considered: Link+, an assessment of SCLC, Gale Analytics on Demand, RBdigital and a Technology Van to be shared by all system members. Ultimately, it was decided to allocate \$383,513 to digital resources. Only \$1,100 of that total amount was expended (on a subscription to Gale Archives of Sexuality & Gender).

For 2020/21, SCLC designated \$34,748 in CLSA funding for a shared eResource. Should the Admin Council vote to use the unspent 2019/20 CLSA funds for a shared digital resource, then that would provide over \$420,000 in funding. Funds must be spent within three years of being allocated.

In September 2020, a survey was sent to the SCLC Technology Interest Group seeking ideas for shared eResources. The response rate was low, and the top ideas presented were eBooks, eNewspapers, streaming movies and eMagazines.

The Committee discussed ideas and several posed that a shared eBook solution could be challenging as member libraries are almost evenly split on the platform currently in use (Bibliotheca Cloud and Overdrive). Ideas that garnered the most support were:

- eNewspapers. Press Reader was mentioned, and interest in an image version of the LA Times (vs. the article text approach provided by ProQuest) was expressed by many. Spanish language content was promoted by several, but others noted that their communities have language needs other than Spanish.
- eLearning Solution. VIP Learning, Lynda.com were mentioned
- Job Searching/Test Preparation. Many are using the JobNow subscription offered through the State Library. Skillsoft was also mentioned as an interest.

#### 9. Round Robin

## Ventura County Library

Ventura County Library is in the process of implementing VDI to replace all of our public facing computers. We are completing our RFI for a new ILS and will move into the RFP process soon. We are also very excited to implement technology lending kits. These kits will include a Chromebook and a hotspot that our patrons will be able to checkout for 7 days. We just lent our first kit out to a Veteran who was in need for a computer and internet access. We are starting with 20 kits and hopefully will add more in the future. We are also in the process of upgrading our staff computers to Windows 10 desktops.

### Altadena Library District

- Altadena received a grant to upgrade wiring for network infrastructure, server, and access points.
- o The library upgraded from 1Gig to 10Gig

## Downey City Library

- Downey received a grant and upgraded from 1Gig to 10Gig.
- The library has been closed for renovation and plans to reopen November 2020.
- They have created a new app that will allow every staff member to make new library cards, answer reference questions and check in/out materials.

### Inglewood Public Library

- o Inglewood is in the process of unveiling a new ILS (Polaris).
- Their curbside pickup has been very successful.
- They have used this time to revamp their webpage and add to their social media presence.

# • Santa Clarita Public Library

Santa Clarita added lockers and they have been very popular.

# 10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.