

Electronic Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Meeting via Skype

Present: Nathan Boyer (SJVLS, Chair,) Rebecca Adams (Mariposa,) Clarisa Bernade (Fresno,) Smruti Deshpande (Merced,) Marita Dimond (Tulare County,) Heather Eddy (Kern,) Tamara Evans (Kings,) Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

Absent: Kristen Evans (Tulare Public,) Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Nathan Boyer.
- II. Introductions were given by all.
- III. Adoption of Agenda – Boyer explained to committee members the rules concerning Skype meetings and The Brown Act, the importance of posting meeting agendas at their library when having Skype meetings and the desire for committee members to be physically present at their library location on the day of ERC Skype meetings. Adams asked Boyer if it is possible to participate in Skype meetings from another location if he notifies him prior to the meeting date. Boyer responded that he would check this up and will follow up with Adams. Following this conversation, the agenda was approved as printed.
- IV. Comments from the Public – None.
- V. Approval of Minutes of August 30, 2018. Boyer commented that on page two in the second paragraph of the meeting minutes, Chris Wymer was listed as the person to research digital media labs although Boyer did not have this in his meeting notes. Evans referred to her meeting notes and responded that Wymer was listed to research digital media labs. Following this confirmation, the minutes were approved as printed.
- VI. Projects for Discussion and Action
 - A. Discussion: Recorded Books proposal from August 30 meeting
Boyer referred to the Recorded Books proposal and quote sent from Mark Ransdell following the August 30th ERC meeting then asked if committee members had any questions. Evans asked Boyer how much would Kings County's percentage be as compared to what they pay now, have prices broken down specifically by library system, and will Kings County Library customers have the same level access as they have currently or will we be competing for access with the other library systems? Boyer asked Evans to email him these questions and he would send them to Ransdell to answer.
Dimond asked Boyer if SJVLS go with RBdigital, could we customize the interface so it is more appealing for patrons? Boyer replied that the ability to customize the interface should be possible since other vendors tend to provide this option. Dimond asked Boyer if SJVLS would be replacing cloudLibrary with RBdigital or would we be adding it to our other resources. Boyer replied that this is tricky because of pricing of Universal Class combined with adult and children's/YA multi-access eAudio core collections is \$21,00 compared to \$81,000 if the libraries purchased these titles individually. Boyer added that right

now, it's budgeted for \$20,000 for ebooks from cloudLibrary (\$5,000 for platform fee and \$15,000 for collection development.) with an additional \$30,000 from the California State Library. If we were to replace cloudLibrary with RBdigital, we would need additional funds to support collection development. Evans asked Boyer if this would be part of the budget process for this year. Boyer replied that this would be for fiscal year 18-19 and if we wanted to present to Admin Council, we would need to meet before their next meeting in January 2019. Eddy commented (via chat) that with RBdigital, we are getting an all access core collection along with the platform fee versus our current 1 copy/1 user access model used in cloudLibrary.

Dimond asked Boyer if we could have a free trial for RBdigital and Boyer replied yes and said that he would email committee members the link for the free trial. Dimond asked if Ransdell is willing to reduce the platform price and Boyer commented that he would ask and it is possible that they would adjust the cost but we would not know unless we ask. Boyer asked committee members to send comments and questions to him and he will send these to Ransdell or answer them himself. Eddy asked Evans (via chat) for Universal Class usage stats and Evans responded with usage numbers from January, 26, 2012 to present.

B. Discussion: Member reports/focus areas

Bernade commented that she attended the CALIFA fair in September for AV and provided a video link to XR Libraries. Deshpande remarked that she had nothing to report on databases at this time. Eddy replied that she has not had not had time to research self-publishing. Evans shared with the committee an upcoming online Infopeople class called Library Grants 101 taking place from Tuesday, October 30 – Monday, November 26. Boyer asked what the cost is for registering in the online class and Evans replied that the class is \$200. Boyer asked Adams and Vosburg to think of areas which they would like to report/focus on for future meetings.

Boyer has asked Raman Bath if it was possible to have training opportunities for ERC committee members in the future. Previously training was offered by SJVLS which paid for transportation but not registration. Boyer said that Bath may bring this suggestion to the Admin Council in the future.

- VII. The next meeting will be held at the Tulare County Library – Visalia Branch on at Thursday, December 13.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.