

**Electronic Resources Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2020**  
**Meeting Via Microsoft Teams**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Nathan Boyer (SJVLS, Chair,) Rebecca Adams (Mariposa,) Faythe Arredondo (Tulare County,) Clarisa Bernabe (Fresno,) Smruti Deshpande (Merced,) Heather Eddy (Kern,) Tamara Evans (Kings,) Erika Hawkyard (Tulare County,) Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera,) Maria Marquez (Tulare Public,) Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:33 PM by Nathan Boyer.
- II. Introductions were given by all.
- III. Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was approved as written.
- IV. Comments from the Public – None.
- V. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2020 (Attachment 1)
- VI. Projects for Discussion & Action
  - A. Discussion: Review Quotes for test prep/online learning resources  
Boyer stated that currently, five SJVLS libraries offer Learning Express and that each of these five libraries have been contacted by EBSCO regarding creating a proposal which would offer Learning Express to all SJVLS libraries. Libraries who currently offer Learning Express would receive product enhancements and a pricing discount. Bernabe shared with the committee her experience with renewing Fresno County Library’s Learning Express contract and mentioned a 35% discount was offered to the library. Bernabe recommended Gale Testing and Education Reference Center due to the ebooks and practice tests offered as well as a resume creator and scholarship search. Hawkyard shared Tulare Public’s experience with renewing their Learning Express contract. She said that they were offered a 45% discount as well as an upgrade which would not benefit Tulare County patrons therefore, Hawkyard recommended going with Gale Testing and Education Reference Center.  
  
Boyer stated that the EBSCO proposal was an all or nothing deal and since that Fresno and Tulare County both recommended Gale Testing and Education Reference Center, the committee is unable to accept EBSCO’s proposal. Boyer stated that after looking at the remaining resource quotes and pricing, two viable resources remained which are Gale Testing and Education Reference Center and Universal Class. Vosburg commented that since Coalinga is currently paying for Learning Express, he suggested Cell-

Ed due to the coding options they offer. Vosburg asked Boyer if the committee chose not to spend the money on a new test prep resource, could the committee save the money to spend at later time? Boyer replied that his understanding is that if the committee does not spend the extra money, it might not be available for next year's budget and reallocated to something else. Hawkyard commented that since she recently renewed Learning Express for a year, she is fine with the overlap between Gale and Learning Express. Bernabe agreed with Hawkyard.

Boyer informed the committee members that after the last admin council meeting, the choices given to the committee were accept the proposal from Learning Express, accept the proposal from Proquest CultureGrams, or put the money towards a resource SJVLS already has such as cloudLibrary. Vosburg replied that he suggested Cell-Ed because he feels a different resource is better than a resource that overlaps what other libraries already provides, especially for smaller libraries. Lawrence commented that since Madera has limited online resources, online test prep would greatly benefit her patrons.

Eddy commented that Kern would be happy with Gale. Adams, Deshpande, Evans and Marquez recommended Gale. Boyer shared with the committee that he asked each vendor for the cost of a one year database subscription to help libraries who may have a duplicate resource so we could look at usage statistics and decided whether to cancel or continue service. Boyer informed the committee that the current Gale General Database package is a 3 year contract while the Gale Testing and Education Reference Center is a one year contract. Vosburg asked if SJVLS was getting a deal for the Gale Testing and Education Reference Center since we purchase Gale's General Database package. Boyer replied that we did get a little discount but not as aggressive a discount due to it being provide through a third party.

B. Action: Recommended additional resources for FY 20/21

Eddy motioned for the committee to accept the Gale proposal. Marquez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved for a one-year subscription to Gale Testing and Education Reference Center with Career Module with an option to renegotiate for a second year.

C. Discussion: Additional Digital Resources available during COVID-19 closure

Boyer shared that there is free remote access to Newspaper Archive, Ancestry also is offering remote access to current subscribers, and EBSCO is providing complimentary access to Rosetta Stone through June. Lawrence shared that Tumblebooks is offering free books until August 31. Bernabe said that Freegal has expanded streaming from 5 hours to 24 hours per day until

September 30 and Kanopy is giving free access to Kanopy Kids and credit free viewing films until May 31, and unlimited access to the Great Courses Infectious Diseases course.

- VII. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 2:30 PM Via Microsoft Teams.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM.