

**Network Advisory Council Meeting
Helena, MT
November 29, 2007**

Attendees: Brett Allen, Colet Bartow, Barry Brown, John Finn, Renee Goss, Jodee Kawasaki, Lyn McKinney, Bruce Newell, Dee Ann Redman, and John York.

Staff: Donna Caban, Bob Cooper, Sarah McHugh, Maggie Meredith, and Julie Stewart.

Visitors: Penny Moon.

Beyond the Core Additional Database RFP Process/Review/Scoring

The members met to discuss the responses to the RFP.

The Network Advisory Council recommended that the State Library pursue a contract with EBSCO Publishing to provide Montana libraries with three additional online periodical databases: *CINAHL with Full Text*, *Environment Complete*, and *Small Engine Repair Reference Center*. These databases will augment the existing Gale suite and the EBSCO Auto Repair Reference Center.

Pending MSL Commission approval and final contract negotiations with EBSCO Publishing, these additional databases will be purchased with remaining legislative funding allocated for this purpose. The subscription will be for 20-months, from January 2, 2008 through August 30, 2009. Any Montana library that is listed in the Montana Library Directory will automatically have access to these statewide databases for this period.

The Council requested that the contract negotiations include:

- 1) The negotiation of a 24 month price, rather than the price indicated in EBSCO's RFP response, with a percentage built in for inflation included in possible renewal. (Don't want the 12 month price extended to 20 months as in proposal.)
- 2) Any existing Montana subscriptions be upgraded to CINAHL Plus Full Text, for the 20 months or get a credit.
- 3) Any Montana library using any of these databases be given some kind of credit.

Discussion of draft LSTA Proposal and Draft RFP for Statewide Downloadable E-content Services

Bruce Newell stated for the record that he can't be part of the decision making process as OCLC may respond to the RFP for statewide downloadable E-content service.

Cooper said that when the Council got closer to making the recommendation for the Commission, Newell will not participate in that portion of the meeting. Newell said he also would not participate in the scoring of RFPs, etc. Lyn McKinney reminded the Council that she is the Montana representative on the OCLC Users Council. That doesn't mean she is representing OCLC at this meeting. Sarah McHugh indicated that there may be a selection committee comprised of libraries involved in this pilot which would be responsible for selecting the vendor.

Sarah McHugh gave a history of the statewide downloadable E-content services work that had occurred thus far. Following discussion of the matter, the Council recommended that the State Library submit to the State Library Commission for its approval the statewide LSTA pilot project proposal to acquire statewide downloadable E-content services for interested Montana libraries. The Council expressed its intent that this LSTA proposal be included on the agenda for the Commission's December 12 meeting in Helena.

Fourteen Montana libraries are currently planning to participate in this proposed pilot in the first phase. Those libraries are:

Missoula Public
Parmly Billings
Polson City
Miles Community College
Hearst Free Library (Anaconda)
Lewistown Public
Big Horn County (Hardin)
Flathead County Library (Kalispell)
Miles City Public
Kohrs Memorial Library (Deer Lodge)
Roosevelt County Library (Wolf Point)
Kalispell Public Schools (Flathead HS and Glacier HS)
Glendive Public Library
Sidney Public Library

The Council also recommended to the Fulfillment Task Force (FTF) that they look closely at the home delivery cost model and what that means as compared to the adoption of a courier system. McHugh said the goal of the home delivery pilot is to test the popularity of the feature and to determine if users are willing

to pay for the service out of their own pockets. Cooper said that recommendation will be brought to the State Librarian who chairs the FTF.

Cooper thanked the Council for its work and the meeting adjourned at 5:00.