

**PrairieCat Training & Enhancements Committee**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 10:00 am**  
**Zoom**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Smith (PC) started the meeting at 10:01 am and took attendance.

**Members Present:** Bazarek (FP), Evans (SY), Fine (PR), Landis (PC), O'Hara (PC), Smith (PC).

**Guests:** Finnerty (NCK),

**Members Absent:** Blackmer (CV), Bonny (PC), Bradley (WO), Hancock (LP). Nielson (KR), Peschang (RD), Slanicky (PC), Tedder (PC), Zanelli (PC).

2. **Approval of minutes from November 5, 2024 meeting** – There were not enough committee members for a quorum, so the vote was postponed until the next meeting.
3. **Committee Members and [FY26 Meetings](#)** – A list of the committee members and FY26 meetings is available on the PrairieCat support site.
4. **Training Projects and Updates**

**4.1. Newsletter Contributions / Did You Know Tips** – Landis (PC) and Tedder (PC) put together the information for newsletter contributions / Did You Know Tips. Smith (PC) encouraged the committee members to contribute some information from any conferences they attended.

**4.2. Talent LMS – Decision Center Updates; MARC Video** – The majority of our training is available on Talent LMS. PrairieCat staff are working on updates on the training videos that are already available on Talent LMS. The Decision Center class is being updated. Eventually, named logins will be needed for Decision Center. Tedder (PC) made a new video on what a MARC member is.

**4.3. ILL Module Demo – Volunteers** – The Resource Sharing committee wants us to advertise the ILL module. We would like to have a PrairieCat member who uses the ILL module to do a demo with PrairieCat staff to answer questions

online in a Zoom session. Evans (SY) will check with Laura Hoffman (SY), who is now using the module, to see if she would be interested in demonstrating it.

**4.4. Open Office Hours and QA Sessions** – PrairieCat staff have started office hours and QA sessions on specific topics. O'Hara (PC) has done Vega Discover, user roles, and home builder, with an average of two people attending each one. Landis (PC) has been doing IPLAR sessions almost once per month with an average of 8-10 attendees for each one. No new topics were suggested.

## **5. Vega Discover**

**5.1. IdeaExchange and Roadmap – MEEP Voting** – IdeaExchange is Innovative's enhancement platform. Anyone can use it by creating a login account. Once the login is created, they can vote, comment, and suggest enhancements. Smith (PC) encouraged libraries to consider joining the Innovative Users Group (IUG) for voting rights and to vote in the upcoming round for Discover. The IUG groups are using it heavily. MEEP voting is done by IUG members. Innovative is contractually obligated to implement enhancements that win votes. Suggestions can be made for all Innovative products. Smith (PC) also mentioned the roadmap for development enhancements, which has been cleaned up to reflect the timeline and actual work. Members can recommend things they like and PrairieCat can promote the ideas to the member libraries to vote on.

**5.2. User Roles and Permissions / Homepage Builder Courses** – O'Hara (PC) completed making new Talent LMS classes for user roles, permissions, and homepage builder. Library staff can get accounts created and get permissions assigned. Staff can customize their library's logo, update their links, add events, add carousels, and add showcases. About three or four libraries per week have completed the course. Reddick and Coal Valley are two libraries that have done a lot of customization on their Vega sites.

## **6. PUG Day 2025**

**6.1. Update and Session Ideas** – This year's PUG Day will be in-person on September 26, 2025 in East Moline, Illinois. By June 2025, the final program should be ready and people can begin to register. There are 30-minute time

slots available for presentations. People can still recommend topics. Innovative staff will provide a corporate update.

**7. Questions, comments, etc.** – There were no questions or comments.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, August 5, 2025 10:00 am via Zoom**