

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

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – Smith (PC) started the meeting at 10:02 am and took attendance.

Members Present: Bazarek (FP), Bonny (PC), Bradley (WO), Evans (SY), Fine (PR), Landis (PC), O'Hara (PC), Slanicky (PC), Smith (PC), Tedder (PC), Zanelli (PC).

Guests: (None)

Members Absent: Blackmer (CV), Hancock (LP), Nielson (KR), Peschang (RD).

- 2. Approval of minutes from May 6, 2025, meeting** – There were not enough committee members for a quorum, so the vote was postponed until the next meeting.

3. Training Projects and Updates

3.1. Newsletter Contributions / Did You Know Tips -- PrairieCat staff are always looking for new ideas for the monthly PrairieCat newsletter for the training section and Did You Know sections. Smith (PC) encouraged the committee members to contribute information from any conference they attended or something they think should be highlighted, such as computer issues or FAQs.

3.2. Open Office Hours and Q&A Sessions – Open office hours and Q&A sessions were started in 2025. Mobile app sessions have been scheduled quarterly beginning in January 2026. Attendees can ask questions and hear what other libraries are doing. In the spring of 2025, 28 libraries out of 104 circulating libraries utilized the Vega user roles and homepage builder sessions. More Vega homepage builder sessions will be scheduled for March. One or two libraries could be asked to join the session and briefly share what they are doing. Landis (PC) did some IPLAR sessions, which seemed to be well received. She did six sessions with 46 total attendees.

More IPLAR sessions will be offered in 2026. PrairieCat staff have discussed having a video about the offline circulation module. There are technical bulletins available, but it would be easier if there was a video available. Tedder (PC) will work on an offline circulation video. Let PrairieCat staff know if you have other suggestions and they can schedule them and set them up in Zoom and add them to the calendar. Suggestions for other open office hours or Q&A sessions can be added to the base camp or emailed to PrairieCat staff.

3.3. Talent LMS

3.3.1. Schedule to Review Courses – For Decision Center, we have transitioned to the named login permissions and away from the shared logins that were used before. PrairieCat staff are in the process of getting the Decisions Center course updated on Talent LMS. There will be a similar process for the other courses that are tied to a login name. The user will take a course, submit the approval form, then their login permissions will be set up. O’Hara (PC) has completed all the Vega courses on Talent LMS. Landis (PC) is in the process of redoing all the circulation and searching courses in Talent LMS. Evans (SY) and Bazarek (PT) volunteered to review the courses and offer suggestions for changes. Tedder (PC) is working on updating the cataloging courses.

3.3.2. Mobile App Courses – The mobile app just went live in October, 2025 and all resources are still on the FAQ LibGuide. Beginning in January 2026 O’Hara (PC) will work on transitioning them to the support site and more permanent locations, like YouTube and Talent LMS. A test template has been requested that can be used to customize and experiment with.

4. Vega Products

4.1. IdeaExchange and Roadmap – Innovative has roadmaps for all their products. You can see what is available in Beta testing or in progress. A new feature that is now available is percent completed, so you can see how much progress has been made. You can see the other planned

enhancements and all the MEEP winners. You can now see the full MARC display in Vega. In IdeaExchange you can log in and vote on the things you like and add ideas for new enhancements.

- 5. IUG and WILIUG** – IUG is the Innovative Users Group and WILIUG is the Wisconsin/Illinois Innovative Users Group. The IUG conference is in Chicago this spring, April 14-16. There are scholarships available for WILIUG members. You can join WILIUG for \$40.00 and become eligible for a scholarship.
- 6. Questions, comments, etc.** – There were no questions or comments.

Next meeting - Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:00 am via Zoom