



**Resource Sharing Committee
Minutes
Thursday, January 13th, 2022, 12:00-1:00 pm**

Online via Zoom

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1. Call to order, welcome and introductions

Ruhnke (Chair-PU) called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. The committee introduced themselves.

Present via Zoom: Melissa Landis (PrairieCat), John Slanicky (PrairieCat), Carolyn Coulter (PrairieCat), Charm Ruhnke (Chair-PU), Chelsey DeSplinter (PrairieCat), Magda Bonny (PrairieCat), Kim Brozovich (RP), Dana Fine (PR), Rici Dale (RL), Elizabeth Smith (PrairieCat), Pennie Miller (PP),

Absent: Debbie Griggs (TC), Cristy Stupegia (LS), Patti Smith (RO), Lynne Noffke (LI)

2. Introduction of Visitors and Public Comments

There were no visitors or public comments.

3. Review agenda for additions/changes

There were no revisions

4. Discussion and debrief, Basecamp discussion regarding PrairieCat Plus options

Ruhnke (PU) asked how to prioritize the start of PrairieCat Plus. Do we prioritize one category, or do we look at all categories and prioritize within each of those categories? Coulter (PrairieCat) has received quite a bit of positive feedback on the Consulting Services category. Ruhnke agreed that the consulting services had a lot of interest during the Resource Summit. Legal consultants could really be utilized by the membership. Coulter also expressed the membership need for IT support services.

Ruhnke stated that topic under consulting services would need set parameters to fairly distribute these services. Coulter stated we would need to get some quotes for the hours and figure out how many hours we can afford and how to divide those hours. Ruhnke asked if Coulter or another PrairieCat staff member would be responsible for fielding questions/requests for hours. Coulter suggested, for legal consultants, getting an RFP and asking what their per hour cost would be up to a certain amount of hours. From there, individuals would pay the discounted per hour amount when they have legal concerns. This might reduce the necessity of PrairieCat Staff involvement. Miller (PP) stated in this case the billing would go straight to the individual library instead of having to go through PrairieCat. Miller likes this idea.

Ruhnke said that in the past, RAILS expressed difficulties with vendors because they will only offer the discounts to new members not current members. Miller had a membership with Swank and when RAILS negotiated a deal/discount, they went back and gave her the discounted rate. Coulter thinks research tools might be a more challenging category that we should start with. Dale (RL) said we should start slow but is fine with starting with whatever most members think would be good for the Consortium.

Fine (PR) said we should think through each category and figure out which would be the easiest and smoothest rollout to the membership. Something that the membership would be excited about but at the same time would not create an extreme amount of work for PrairieCat or the Committee. Ruhnke asked which would be the simplest. Fine suggested Physical Materials and Digital Materials. Physical Materials would be the easiest for PrairieCat to handle. Brozovich (RP) agrees that Physical Materials and Digital Materials would be the easiest.

The Committee agreed to start with Consulting Services and Physical Materials.

5. Public comments
There were no public comments.
6. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 26th, 1:00PM-3:00PM, online via Zoom.

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