

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation  
ALS (Symphony Users') Draft Meeting Minutes  
1:00PM CT/2:00PM ET  
Monday, October 3, 2022

- i. **Call to Order** – ALS Chair Bruce MacDonald called the meeting to order at 1:01PM CT / 2:01PM ET.

**Attending:** Bruce MacDonald, Chair (Peter White Public Library), Dillon Geshel (Superiorland Library Cooperative), Shawn Andary (Superiorland Library Cooperative), Pamela Malmsten (Superiorland Library Cooperative), Amanda Winnicki (Menominee County Library), Stephanie Swenski (West Iron District Library), Blair Nelson (Spies Public Library), Jessica Luther (Alpena County Library), Katrina Linde-Moriarty (Portage Lake District Library), Sharon Crotser-Toy (St. Ignace Public Library), Lisa Waskin (Superior District Library), Carolyn Stacey (Escanaba Public Library)

- ii. **Approval of the Agenda** – Lisa Waskin motioned to approve of the agenda. Seconded by Amanda Winnicki.

- iii. **Approval of the Minutes from 1 September, 2022** – Sharon Crotser-Toy motioned to approve of the agenda. Seconded by Amanda Winnicki.

- iv. **Committee Reports**

- a. **ILS Survey Committee Report and Vendor Recommendation** – Shawn Andary, ILS Survey Committee Chair, summarized the process so far. There was broad participation from member libraries and the committee worked hard to evaluate all proposals and vendor demos. Member library staff were invited to participate in vendor demos and provided feedback to the ILS Survey Committee members. An evaluation sheet was used to eliminate one vendor, and the committee scheduled vendor demos with the remaining three – Sirsi, Lib Lime and Polaris. After reviewing member library feedback on scoring the demos, Sirsi was the clear winner. Sirsi will be providing a customer loyalty discount of (\$59,000) annually, with no inflator for five years. This means participating libraries will see a cost decrease starting with the first year of the new contract. Sirsi is also throwing in a number of new products that will be helpful for member libraries. With some of the savings, we can also explore additional Sirsi products, like a mobile app or new discovery layer (OPAC). These savings and features would be available effective April 1, 2024 at the onset of the new contract.

Katrina Linde-Moriarty mentioned that it would be helpful for member library staff to see some documentation regarding how the decision was made. Shawn will send out information on why the committee is recommending we move forward with a contract from Sirsi.

If ALS accepts the committee recommendation to move forward with SirsiDynix, the next step will be approval of a contract by the UPRLC board.

v. **New Business**

a. **Approval of Vendor Recommendation** – Stephanie Swenski moved that we approve the committee recommendation to negotiate a contract with SirsiDynix. Amanda Winnicki seconds.

vi. **Next Meeting Date** – The next regular meeting is January 12 at 10AM CT / 11AM ET via Zoom.

vii. **Adjournment** – Chair Bruce adjourned the meeting at 1:26PM CT / 2:26PM ET.

Minutes by Dillon Geshel