

**Draft**  
**MVLS/SALS Joint Automation Council**  
Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library  
Minutes  
May 31, 2006

**Present:** Carol Clingan, Theresa DaBiere-Craig, Sara Dallas, Becky Fasulo, Barbara Germain, Bob Jeffords, Andy Kulmatiski, Michele Largeteau, Jo Piracci, Jean Sheviak, Eric Trahan

**Excused:** Mary Ann Hunter

**Guests:** Evelyn Butrico, Harry Dutcher, Andrea Herman, Sharon O'Brien (recorder), Gail Winters

Meeting Chair Barbara Germain called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM.

This emergency meeting of the JAC was held because a review of the JA Agreement following the May 23 meeting revealed that at least 7 votes are needed for a motion to pass. The motion concerning the renewal of systemwide databases at the May 23 meeting received only 6 votes, and therefore was invalid. The sole topic of this emergency meeting was systemwide database subscriptions for 2006 – 2007.

The motion from the May 23 meeting was presented for a revote. Much discussion followed. Jean Sheviak read a letter from Cynthia Hedger at LUZ that disputed the voting procedure for databases. Bob Jeffords stated that the motion was irresponsible and did not monitor JA funds in the best interests of the member libraries. Carol Clingan noted that if there is a change to the systemwide subscriptions, larger libraries may have to pay more to continue these subscriptions on an individual basis. Jo Piracci stated that in the future, those libraries that want databases should pay for them, and those that do not, should not pay, nor should they receive access. The JAC is not the place to make database decisions.

**MOTION:** To renew the current slate of systemwide databases for 2006-2007, at a cost of \$83,035.  
Trahan/Kulmatiski.

Fasulo – N  
Clingan – N  
Sheviak – N  
Trahan – Y  
DaBiere-Craig – N  
Kulmatiski – Y  
Dallas – N  
Jeffords – N  
Germain - N  
Piracci – N

Failed.

The group continued to discuss. Carol Clingan asked if all parties that had agreed to contribute funds to the database purchase would receive proportionate refunds on their contributions if

products were dropped and less money was required. It was agreed that contributions from MVLS, SALS, SCP, and GLE, plus the contribution from the JA fund balance, would be reduced proportionately if products were not renewed.

**MOTION:** To renew the current slate of databases with the exception of EBSCO's Masterfile Premier at a cost of \$63,285, with proportionate reduction in contributions from all parties.  
Clingan/Jeffords. Unanimous. Passed.

Discussion followed on how best to handle database selection in the future. Jean Sheviak offered to chair a new committee whose charge is to develop a process for selection of and payment of databases for those interested parties in MVLS and SALS. The committee will make a recommendation to the JAC by September 1, so that the JA Finance Committee can prepare the 2007 budget. Carol Clingan and Sara Dallas will send out an email explaining this, and announcing an open meeting for exploratory discussion.

It was noted by Carol Clingan that MVLS plans to continue to support database purchasing for MVLS libraries in the future. Sara Dallas noted that funds for databases will not come out of the SALS operating budget in the future, but some funding may come out of CLD funds in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sharon O'Brien