

MVLS/SALS Joint Automation Project
Joint Automation Council Meeting March 11, 2026, 9:30 am
Meeting at SALS
Minutes

Present: Kim Bolan, Bill Bonner, Leah Fitzgerald (virtual), Guin Forshey (virtual), Alex Gutelius, Kari Kakeh, Michele Largeteau, Trevor Oakley, Terry Pavoldi, Tom Shaginaw, Eric Trahan, and Erica Wing.

Excused: None.

Guests: (all virtual) Sharon O'Brien and Jill Ryder.

Council Chair Guin Forshey called the meeting to order at 9:33.

The minutes for the January 14, 2026 JA Council meeting were approved. Motion: Eric Trahan; Second: Kim Bolan. Ayes: All remaining; Nays: None. Abstention: Bill Bonner.

Financial reports for January and February 2026, were reviewed and received for audit. Motion: Eric Trahan; Second: Bill Bonner. Ayes: All; Nays: None.

Payment Warrants for January and February 2026, were reviewed and received for audit. Motion: Bill Bonner; Second: Tom Shaginaw. Ayes: All; Nays: None.

Project Managers Report - Michele reported, for the last time:

PC Orders: JA is still waiting for confirmation of the computer order originally placed in November. Dave is working on getting quotes for the next order. Pricing is expected to be significantly higher.

Vega Discover status: Clarivate will not address the Discover e-content problem before June 2027. This means that we need to either hide e-content in Discover, or remove e-content from the Polaris item database so it works correctly in Discover. JA wants to be able test the removal of e-content before actually removing that content. The Operations Committee decided to go live with Vega Discover with the e-content hidden. A soft launch will be available on March 16. A training webinar is planned for March 24. There will be a link on current PAC to the new Discover catalog. Libraries will need to update the catalog related links on their websites. Another change with Discover is that upgrades are automatic with little notice, which is different from the Polaris update process. There was much discussion of issues with implementing Discover, which is necessary to meet the new ADA requirements.

GoDaddy Server: Jason is about 50% done migrating JA hosted websites to the new server.

CPH e-resources change/JA Fees: Moving content from other vendors to Overdrive Advantage added more than 300,000 items to Polaris. Since Polaris integrated e-content items have been included in the library fee calculation, we need to adjust that calculation. The proposal is to stop counting e-content items in the fees for 2027. Integrated e-content circulation will still be included.

Other Projects: We had an email phishing incident in February. Chris is working on hardening our security.

A firmware update on the email spam filter led to the deletion of the established blocking database. It is very important for users to use the phish alert button to help rebuild that database.

The Unclaimed Holds time period was reduced to 2 days to help keep items available to patrons.

JA is consulting on some updates to SALS building: a doorbell camera, etc.

Jason Sharon and Kim will be attending the Innovative Users Group meetings in April.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Policy: No report.

Operations: Reported under Vega Discover status.

Old Business

JA Agreements: No update. SALS is in regular contact with the attorney.

JA Project Manager Search: Jesse Jenson has accepted the offer to become the next JA Project Manager. April 13 is his expected first day. The SALS and MVLS boards of trustees will act on the official approval at their meetings the week of March 16.

New Business

Tom provided information on phishing associated with construction invoicing. Eric mentioned additional details about the JA incident mentioned in Michele's report.

Kari shared about CDLC's work on AI, including policy development; and also mentioned CDLC's open position for a resource sharing librarian.

Alex invited all to register for the Liz Moore author event on April 28.

It was noted that this is Michele Largeteau's last JA Council meeting. Michele says thank you to all in JA, MVLS & SALS.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20. Motion: Alex; Second: Bill. Ayes: all; Nays: none.