Electronic Resources Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Meeting Via Microsoft Teams
Present: Nathan Boyer (SJVLS, Chair,) Rebecca Adams (Mariposa,) Clarisa
Bernabe (Fresno,) Smruti Deshpande (Merced,) Heather Eddy (Kern,) Tamara
Evans (Kings,) Erika Hawkyard (Tulare County,) Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera,) Maria
Marquez (Tulare Public)
Absent: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)
Others Present: April Angel (Gale,) Chris Wymer (SJVLS)

I.   The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by Nathan Boyer.
II.   Introductions were given by all.
III. Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was approved as written.
IV.   Comments from the Public – None.
V.   Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2020 (Attachment 1) – The minutes were
      approved as written.
VI.   Projects for Discussion & Action
      A. Discussion: Gale resources: implementation, marketing, training
          Angel shared with the committee that although she is the main contact person
          for the overall SJVLS consortium Gale account, each member library also has
          a separate Gale account representative. Boyer informed the committee that
          he has received Gale database URLs from Angel and has tentatively plans to
          email these URLS to ERC members on June 15 so that each branch can be
          able to make a smooth transition from EBSCO databases to Gale databases.
          Gale database access will be available on July 1 and access to EBSCO
          databases will cease on July 31 so this will provide an overlap of databases
          to the public. Bernabe asked Angel about training for staff and Angel replied
          that the customer success manager is working on creating cumulative
          database trainings as well as specific database training. Angel added that if
          she is permitted to travel, she would like to schedule an in-person training
          session in October.
          Eddy and Bernabe asked Angel about marketing materials such as
          bookmarks and blurbs for database descriptions. Angel relied by referring
          committee members to the Gale support website which contains marketing
          materials including bookmarks, blurbs for databases as well as training videos
          and tutorials. Boyer stated that each library will receive a personalized
          location ID and Angel added that with the location ID, this will take the user to
          a webpage with their library specific databases as well as will assist with
          gathering statistics in the future.
      B. Discussion: Potential system-wide resources
          Boyer shared that the admin council is meeting on Friday, June 5 and that
          their meeting agenda did not list a discussion about allocation of funds for

additional system-wide resources. Boyer asked committee members for suggestions of resources if admin council provided committee with funds for additional system-wide resources. Marquez asked Boyer for clarification on if the committee had not already created a list of suggestions for additional system-wide resources at a past meeting. Boyer replied yes and asked committee members if their libraries would benefit from having a coding resource. Several committee members expressed that their libraries would not benefit from having a coding resource. Wymer commented that a coding resource could be staff intensive and the library would need staff with experience in programming to support it.

Boyer shared that the member libraries previously expressed interest in system-wide resources in categories including genealogy, self-publishing, streaming music/video and resources for children. Eddy asked Bernabe about her library's experience with Biblioboard (a self-publishing resource.) Bernabe replied that due to lack of use, her library discontinued offering Biblioboard. Wymer suggested that the committee look for more recreational system-wide electronic resources to supplement the already robust database collection and mentioned BLUEcloud Mobile for kids which provides a child friendly interface, reading wish list and games to encourage children to read. Boyer asked committee members to look for recreational system-wide electronic resources in preparation for the August meeting.

VII. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020 Via Microsoft Teams.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.