

# UHLS Automation Advisory Committee (AAC) – Meeting Minutes

11/9/16

**Attending:** Tim Wiles (GUIL, Chair), Jill Dugas-Hughes (EGRN), Mindy Fowler (SNLK), Katie Kimball (APL), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Catherine Stollar Peters (BETH), Melissa Tacke (CAST), Joe Thornton (UHLS).

**Absent:** Ryan Moore (COLN)

**Guest:** Tim Burke (UHLS)

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair T. Wiles at 9:10 am.

**At-Large Member Vacancy:** K. Kimball reported that she will soon be leaving APL, which will make her seat on the committee vacant after this meeting. The remainder of her 1-year term will need to be filled. T. Wiles will solicit potential members to fill the vacancy.

**Discussion of topics of interest to the committee:** The committee engaged in discussion of each of the following topics:

**Boopsie Mobile App:** T. Burke reports that implementation has not been discussed, as UHLS board approval is pending. J. Thornton added that UHLS would be soliciting information (i.e. hours, contacts) from UHLS libraries for the app.

**Sierra:** Issues regarding patron card renewal and item renewals were discussed.

**Encore Customization:** There was a general discussion of possibilities for customization of Encore. Issues discussed included ecommerce possibilities for fine payments, limits on number of items requestable by a patron, filtering results by juvenile/adult, integration with Novelist, filtering to show results at specific library, making Encore results “Googleable,” adding book reviews. J. Thornton reported that customization may be limited, and volunteered to identify libraries using customized versions of Encore and send links of their OPACs to committee members.

**Online Patron Registration:** J. Thornton reported that online patron registration appears to work in a test environment – patron records are created, items can be checked in/out on OverDrive using patron-generated records. Validity of temporary barcode is currently set for 30 days. J. Thornton also indicated that the degree to which the online patron registration form can be customized is very limited. A general discussion of online patron registration followed.

**Ecommerce:** Discussion of committee members’ experiences with ecommerce vendors and possible ecommerce options available through NYLA.

**Library Calculator:** General discussion of use of a library calculator, to be embedded on member libraries’ websites and as part of a “what you saved” item on checkout receipts. The issue of “what you saved” in the current transaction and year-to-date was discussed with regard to possible privacy concerns.

**Approval of November minutes:** M. Tacke moved that the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting be approved. J. Thornton seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 9:00 am at UHLS (in the green conference room)**

**Adjournment:** J. Thornton moved to adjourn meeting. C. Stollar Peters seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Tacke