



SAILOR NETWORK MANAGERS GROUP MEETING NOTES

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15 November 2011

Anne Arundel County Library Headquarters

Present: Chris Herman (AACPL, Chair), Mollyne Honor (LBPH), Aaron Krebeck (Charles), Eli Fulkerson and Jim Gifford (ESRL), Maria Jolley (CALV), Mike Walsh and Stuart Ragland (EPFL/SOC), Ian Seibert and Tobin Bakner (WASH, WMRL), Robert Palmer (STMA), Larry Welsh (SMRL), Howard Powell (HARF).

1) SonicWALL presentation

- Michael Crean (President, Solutions Granted, a SonicWALL vendor and solutions implementor) and Chris Herman (AACPL) discussed SonicWALL's product line and Anne Arundel CPL's implementation of SonicWALL firewall services.

2) Sailor Operations Center Report (Mike Walsh)

- Comcast service for a BCPL / Sailor Network connection has been installed, and BCPL is working on their migration to the Sailor Network for Internet access.
- Contracts have been signed to enable Antietam Cable to provide local loop services in Hagerstown between the Sailor Network hub in Hagerstown to Comcast to increase bandwidth between Washington County Free Library and SOC, and reduce costs.
- Comcast is moving all their Sailor Network connections to the Metro ENS platform.

3) Google Apps discussion

- Libraries are looking into Google Apps as an alternative to hosting email and purchasing Microsoft Office to reduce labor and service costs.
- Montana is the most advertised (by Google) Google Apps state.
- 501(c)3 corporations can get Google Apps for free off the State contract.
- Charles County PL implementation: Aaron Krebeck gave an overview of the Charles CPL implementation and the benefits as compared with Outlook Web Access services.

Next meeting: February 7, 2012 at AACPL HQ.