The Saskatchewan Electronic Resources Partnership (SERP) is a province-wide program in which libraries pool funds to purchase access to electronic information resources. Program participants include public library systems, K to 12 schools, post-secondary institutions, special libraries and the Provincial Library and Literacy Office (PLLO).

The SERP is guided by three program principles:

1. To encourage co-operation among libraries in Saskatchewan in the development and management of a shared electronic resource collection.
2. To support equitable access to a common suite of quality information resources in all partner libraries, known as the Core Collection.
3. To maximize the buying capacity of partners through cost-sharing.

Program leadership is derived from three bodies that each have distinct roles.

- PLLO is responsible for the administration of the program.
- The Planning and Development Committee (PDC) oversees operational decisions.
- SERP members are responsible for the overall direction of the program by making decisions regarding policies, program structure and determining strategic directions.

Policy development is part of the operational work of the PDC, as well as collection management and making sound financial decisions (recommendations?) all of which is outlined in their terms of reference. The PDC develops and presents draft policies for SERP members to approve by consensus. The PDC also develops procedures to accompany many policies but they enact and update these without partner approval.

The Multitype Library Board was involved in the creation of the SERP program but it has no direct role in the program governance. As a courtesy, partner approved policies are shared with the Board.

Policy Review
The PDC will review all new policies after two complete budget cycles. After the initial review, the PDC will examine policies when requested by a partner or if the PDC deems it necessary.

Revising SERP Policies
Policy revisions may be prompted by a SERP member suggesting that a policy needs to be updated or if the PDC determines a policy is outdated.

1. Partner libraries will email their sector representatives requesting the PDC review a policy and state their rationale for the request.
2. The PDC will discuss the suggestion and determine if there is a need to update the policy.
   a. If the PDC determines that a policy does not need to be revised, they will share their decision and rationale with the partner that submitted the request.
   b. If a policy is updated by the PDC, the revisions will be presented at the next partner meeting for approval. If partners do not approve of the revised draft, the original policy will remain active.

Revising SERP Procedures
SERP procedures may be amended at any time by the PDC. Once amended, the PDC will post the procedures online and share them with program partners.

Rescinding SERP Policies
SERP members may suggest that a policy be rescinded or the PDC may determine a policy is outdated.
1. Partner libraries will email their sector representatives requesting the PDC review a policy and state their rationale for the request.
2. The PDC will discuss the suggestion and determine if there is a need to rescind the policy.
   a. If the PDC determines the policy should not be rescinded, they will share their rationale with the partner library that requested the review.
   b. If the PDC determines that the policy needs to be updated, they will follow the policy revision procedures.
   c. If the PDC determines the policy should be rescinded, they will present their rationale at the next SERP member meeting and seek approval. If partners do not approve, the original policy will remain active.