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**From:** Waldo  
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**Subject:** Important news about WALDO administrative changes

Dear WALDO Member,

On behalf of the WALDO Board of Directors, we are writing to share news about an organizational change that we anticipate will take effect January 1, 2022. For many years WALDO has contracted with Proconsort Inc, a New York-based agent, on a non-exclusive basis to conduct fiscal and administrative operations on our behalf.

WALDO is now undergoing a transition and will partner with LYRASIS, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization for libraries, museums, and archives, to support our administrative operations for licensed online content products. We anticipate all subscription renewals with terms beginning January 1, 2022, or later, will be managed by LYRASIS. The WALDO Board and LYRASIS are excited about this new partnership and will work in collaboration to make this transition as seamless for you as possible.

You will continue to pay WALDO invoices as you have in the past for all renewals with terms beginning prior to January 1, 2022. For products with renewal terms beginning January 1, 2022, and later, WALDO invoices will come from LYRASIS. Much more information about this transition will be shared with you in the near future.

The WALDO Board explored options for new partnerships in the past year, and after much conversation with the LYRASIS leadership we are confident that LYRASIS has the infrastructure and human resources to administer our WALDO operations efficiently. Our mutual goals are to contain costs, improve communication and transparency, and create new opportunities for WALDO members to engage and collaborate.

We want to thank the entire team at Proconsort for their many years of service to WALDO and look forward to working with them to ensure a smooth transition during this time. We ask for your patience in this time of change and welcome all questions and feedback. Please feel free to contact either of us personally or our new consortium email address, [waldo@lyrasis.org](mailto:waldo@lyrasis.org), at any time.

Thank you,

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