## DECISION BLOCK MODELING SCENARIOS: A CASE STUDY

## BACKGROUND

The SMARTmodel system is widely used by our clients as a detailed circulation budgeting and planning tool. Featuring automatic data uploading directly from fulfillment sources, the system is relied on by marketing and planning executives for precise circulation budgeting and management.

Often overlooked and not fully used, however, are the complete budgeting and robust strategic planning capabilities of the system. SMARTmodel offers unlimited non-circulation revenue and departmental cost accounts for building a total financial plan. Furthermore, multiple circulation marketing plans can be combined with multiple financial plans (including all non-circulation revenue and cost streams) to evaluate long term business options.

Publishers can evaluate multiple strategies while keeping departmental budgets and plans separate and confidential. With this "Chinese wall" capability financial planning executives can easily build complete business models using current circulation department plans as a base for developing multiple publishing plans including advertising page, book size, frequency changes, and web-based edit scenarios. Multi-title magazine forecasts can be compared and ranked according to expected profit contribution to overall corporate financial performance. The system is also ideal for evaluating potential merger acquisition opportunities and planning new start-ups.

## CASE STUDY

A recent planning project illustrates how the system can be used to evaluate several long term "macro" scenarios. Our client's publication---SAMPLE2010---is a monthly with an advertising rate base of 450,000. It generates an annual revenue (accrual) of about $\$ 16.7$ million and a profit of $\$ 1.6$ million. The publisher was concerned about recent softness in circulation and advertising sales performance and wanted to look at five year modeling scenarios that would:

- maintain current circulation levels while exploring cost saving options such as:
- reducing book size,
- changing issue frequency and adding a
- web-based editorial product to the circulation mix.

To keep comparative models focused on decision points price increases and cost inflation assumptions were not factored into the equation. Advertising page units and single copy sales remained constant in all models. Also, only one macro strategy variable was tested for each plan. Each succeeding plan would build on the prior plan.

## Scenario Plan A: Base Model

First, a five year base model was built with year one circulation marketing and advertising unit sales assumptions repeated for each succeeding year in the plan. The goal of Plan A - the Base Model - was to determine a trend line for future circulation levels and financial performance (see F-1). The results summarized below indicate both a declining circulation base and profitability.

| PLAN A | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Cum |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Profit (000's) | $\$ 1593.2$ | $\$ 1073.3$ | $\$ 410.0$ | $\$ 120.5$ | $\$ 13.5$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 1 0 . 5}$ |
| Circulation (000's) | 472.0 | 453.3 | 415.0 | 399.9 | 396.7 |  |
| Freq./Average Book | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ |  |

The next step was to determine whether investing more marketing dollars in traditional circulation marketing sources to maintain a 450,000 advertising rate base would enhance profitability. Grace copies supplemented by additional direct mail promotions were specified in the Circulation Optimizer.


Plan B showed that maintaining a 450M advertising rate base using traditional circulation sources beginning in year 2 continued to produce declining profitability although results in year 5 provided a glimpse of a turnaround as profitable renewal orders began to kick in on the additional new business. (See F-2)

| PLAN B | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Cum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Profit (000's) | $\$ 1593.2$ | $\$ 1098.4$ | $\$(25.0)$ | $(\$ 68.6)$ | $\$ 95.0$ | $\$ 2691.0$ |
| Ave. Pd. Circ (000's) | 472.0 | 459.2 | 449.2 | 449.8 | 449.9 |  |
| Freq./Average Book | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / 120 \mathrm{p}$ |  |
| Grace Copies Used (000's) | 0 | $\mathbf{2 5 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 0 . 5}$ | 71.2 | 76.1 |  |
| Incremental DM Starts | 0 | $\mathbf{0}$ | 33722 | 34372 | 23650 |  |

## Scenario Plan C - Plan B + Reduce average book size to 110 pages

Each issue in the base model averaged a total book size of 120 pages including 40 advertising pages. A new on-line supplement had recently been developed and was provided to paid readers as bonus material. Both the publisher and the editorial director felt that reducing the average book size from 120 to 110 pages would not have a material effect on circulation and advertising sales results. Variable paper, printing, distribution and pre-press costs shown on a per M pages would be reduced proportionally. The book size assumptions are easily changed in the manufacturing module:


Plan C (reduced total book size) was combined with Plan B (Maintain 450,000 circulation base) to produce significant savings in printing and distribution costs and improve cumulative profits over the 5 year forecast.

| PLAN C | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Cum |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Profit (000's) | $\$ 1927.3$ | $\$ 1424.1$ | $\$ 299.9$ | $\$ 257.1$ | $\$ 419.9$ | $\$ 4328.3$ |
| Circulation (000's) | 472.0 | 459.2 | 449.2 | 449.8 | 449.9 |  |
| Freq./Average Book | $12 \mathrm{iss} / \mathbf{1 1 0}$ | $12 \mathrm{p} s \mathrm{is} / \mathbf{1 1 0}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / \mathbf{1 1 0}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / \mathbf{1 1 0}$ | $12 \mathrm{iss} / \mathbf{1 1 0}$ |  |

## Scenario Plan D - Plan B + Plan C + Change publishing frequency from 12 issues to 11.

Next, a model was run to determine the potential savings in printing and distribution costs when the publishing frequency was changed from 12 issues to 10 issues plus a double issue served during the summer months. Plan D assumptions:

- Annual ad pages would remain the same -480 pages over 11 issues.
- Subscription pricing would remain the same $\$ 15 / 11$ issues vs. $\$ 15 / 12$ issues...in effect, a price increase..
- Starting subscription inventory for each source would be served all copies due for the original subscription (12 or 24 issues).
- Average book size: reduced from 120 to 110 pages with 140 pages for the double issue.

These changes were made in the Manufacturing module shown below.


Although the five year projection for Plan D continue to show declining profitability a turnaround was shown beginning in Year 5 and the plan produced significant cumulative profit improvement versus Plans A, B, and C.

| PLAN D | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Cum |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Profit (000's) | $\$ 1904.7$ | $\$ 1623.5$ | $\$ 708.7$ | $\$ 500.41$ | $\$ 653.1$ | $\$ 5390.4$ |
| Circulation (000's) | 477.38 | 465.2 | 449.6 | 450.0 | 450.0 |  |
| Freq./Average Book | 11iss/110p | $11 \mathrm{iss} / \mathbf{1 1 0 p}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 i s s} / \mathbf{1 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1} \mathrm{iss} / \mathbf{1 1 0 p}$ | $\mathbf{1 1} \mathrm{iss} / \mathbf{1 1 0 p}$ |  |

## Scenario Plan E - Reduce Book size and Frequency (Plans C+D). Use web magazine circulation instead of grace+direct mail to maintain 450M circ base.

This plan assumed that circulation from the web-based magazine would provide the incremental circulation needed to maintain a 450 M rate base versus using more expensive incremental grace and direct mail sources.

| 7\% Circulation Results Report Maintenance <br> Report: Circulation Results $\qquad$ <br> CR01: Print Order Detail - One Year CR02: OnOff Details - One Year <br> CR03: Sub Sales Summary - One Year CR04: Single Copy Results - One Year <br> CR05: Starts By Issue |  | $\Sigma$ |  |  | $®$ |
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| $7^{2} 7$ CROS: Starts By Issue |  |  | - $\square^{-1}$ |  |  |
| Total Gross Starts BV | $\frac{\operatorname{Jan} 2010(1)-D e d}{2010(11)}$ | $\frac{\operatorname{Jan} 2011(12)-D e c}{\frac{2011(22)}{}}$ | $\frac{\operatorname{Jan} 2012(23)-D e c}{\frac{2012(33)}{2(1)}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Jan} 2013(34)-\text { Dec } \\ & \frac{2013}{2014(44)} \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{\operatorname{Jan} 2014(45)-\text { Dec }}{2014(55)}-$ |
|  | Gross Starts | Gross Starts | Gross Starts | Gross Starts | Gross Starts |
| 1-21 Direct Conversion | 32,717 | 62,09 | 54,21 | 51,277 | 51,431 |
| Cif 01-22 Agent Conversion | 1,28 | 2,716 | 2,453 | 27 | 2,92 |
| ft Conversion | 4,657 | 7,083 | 6,684 | 5,323 | 4,719 |
| 01-24 Renewals | 73,629 | 106,327 | 119,412 | 112,364 | 107,643 |
| $01-25$ Membership Sub ( | 499 | 458 | 363 | 357 | 424 |
| 01-30 Advanced Renew | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 01-35 On-Line Mag Rent | 189 | 484 | 3,124 | 13,624 | 18,4 |
| Renewal Total | 12,979 | 179,158 | 186,252 | 185,472 | 185,572 |
| 01-41 White Mail | 9,253 | 9,716 | 10,201 | 10.710 | 11,2 |
| $01-42$ Blow-ins | 8,99 | 10,1 | 9,265 | 8,857 | 8,86 |
| 01-43 Bind-lns/NS | 2,667 | 3,626 | 3,805 | 4,002 | 4,181 |
| $1-45$ Bind-lins/Subs | 34,9 | 39,342 | 37, | 37,206 | 37,320 |
| -46 Donor Gift DM | 10,407 | 11,488 | 10,36 | 9,610 | 9.503 |
| $01-47$ Inserts - Gift | 289 | 2,311 | 2,179 | 2,170 | 2,17 |
| 1-49 On-Line Agents | 18,000 | 21,600 | 25,920 | 31,104 | 37,32 |
| 01-51 Internet | 26,700 | 29,364 | 32,304 | 35,532 | 39,096 |
| 01-53 Direct Mail | 119,375 | 119,375 | 119,375 | 119,375 | 19,3 |
| $01-55$ Direct Mail - incr | $\bigcirc$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $01-57 \mathrm{FFT}$ | 23,600 | 23,600 | 23,600 | 23,600 | 23,600 |
| $01-58$ Membership | 2,100 | 2,310 | 2,538 | 2,796 | 3,072 |
| 01-59 School Plans | 8,080 | 0 | 8,080 | 8,080 | 80 |
| 1-91 Free (Non-ratebas | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 |
| 03-10 On-Line Magazine |  | 9,683 | 37,168 | 33,557 | 23,466 |
| New Business Total | 286,384 | 312,630 | 344,069 | 348,599 | 349,290 |
| Single Copy Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 399,363 | 491,788 | 530,321 | 534,071 | 534,862 |
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By combining a web-based magazine circulation with the print edition, reducing frequency and average book size Plan E produces the most profitable scenario.

| PLAN E | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Cum |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Profit (000's) | $\$ 1904.79$ | $\$ 1676.5$ | $\$ 1629.2$ | $\$ 1696.1$ | $\$ 1698.0$ | $\$ \mathbf{8 6 0 4 . 6 9}$ |
| Circulation (000's) | 477.3 | 465.5 | 450.3 | 451.1 | 453.6 |  |
| On-line Mag NB Starts | 0 | 9683 | 37168 | 33557 | 23466 |  |
| On-line Mag Ren Starts | 0 | 0 | 3124 | 13624 | 18431 |  |
| Freq./Average Book | $\mathbf{1 1 i s s} / \mathbf{1 1 0 p}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 i s s} / \mathbf{1 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 i s s} / \mathbf{1 1 0 p}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 i s s} / \mathbf{1 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 i s s} / \mathbf{1 1 0 p}$ |  |

## PLAN SUMMARIES AND CONCLUSIONS

| Model Plan | Macro Strategy | $5^{\text {th }}$ Yr. Profit | 5 Yr. Cum Pft | Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plan A | Base Plan | \$13.5 M | \$3210.5 M | 100 |
| Plan B | Maintain 450M - Grace+DM | \$95.0 M | \$2691.0 M | 84 |
| Plan C | Plan B - 110 book size vs. 120 | \$419.9 M | \$4328.3 M | 135 |
| Plan D | Plans B,C-10+1 Dbl vs. 12 issues | \$653.1 M | \$5390.4 M | 168 |
| Plan E | Plans B,C,D - Maintain 450M - Web | \$1698.0 M | \$8604.6 M | 268 |

Detailed financial reports for each plan are shown on pages F-1 to F-5.
In addition to being a detailed circulation budgeting system, the SMARTmodel financial system can be a critical planning tool for evaluating big picture business options for magazines, newsletter, memberships and all business enterprises that feature "on-off" subscription marketing characteristics.

The system is ideal for developing business plans for start-ups, make-overs, and evaluating merger acquisition opportunities.

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| Publication: | NEW SAMPLE |
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| Project: | SAMPLE2010A |
| Circulation Plan: | Base Plan-Net |
| Financial Plan: | Base Plan-Net |

Reporting Profit / Loss Results.
Financial results shown in 000s.

|  | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2013}$ | $\underline{2014}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01 Subscription Revenue | \$6193.2 | \$5945.6 | \$5398.4 | \$5155.1 | \$5079.3 | \$27771.6 |
| 02 Single Copy Revenue | \$755.4 | \$755.4 | \$755.4 | \$755.4 | \$755.4 | \$3776.8 |
| 03 List Rental Revenue | \$315.1 | \$301.9 | \$274.9 | \$264.2 | \$262.0 | \$1418.1 |
| 04 Advertising Revenue | \$9260.1 | \$8893.2 | \$8141.4 | \$7845.6 | \$7782.2 | \$41922.6 |
| 09 Miscellaneous Revenue | \$156.2 | \$182.5 | \$182.2 | \$179.1 | \$179.5 | \$879.5 |
| INCOME | \$16680.0 | \$16078.6 | \$14752.3 | \$14199.3 | \$14058.3 | \$75768.6 |
| CUM INCOME | \$16680.0 | \$32758.7 | \$47510.9 | \$61710.2 | \$75768.6 |  |
| EXPENSE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01 Subscription Expenses | \$3749.5 | \$3923.9 | \$3848.9 | \$3802.9 | \$3806.9 | \$19132.1 |
| 02 Single Copy Expenses | \$46.0 | \$46.0 | \$43.5 | \$43.5 | \$43.5 | \$222.7 |
| 03 List Rental Expenses | \$62.2 | \$59.6 | \$54.2 | \$52.1 | \$51.7 | \$279.8 |
| 04 Advertising Expenses | \$2372.2 | \$2298.3 | \$2126.8 | \$2067.1 | \$2054.4 | \$10918.7 |
| 05 Manufacturing Expenses | \$6008.7 | \$5818.7 | \$5410.1 | \$5255.7 | \$5230.7 | \$27723.8 |
| 06 Art \& Edit Expenses | \$1723.9 | \$1723.9 | \$1723.9 | \$1723.9 | \$1723.9 | \$8619.5 |
| 07 G\&A Expenses | \$1080.2 | \$1080.2 | \$1080.2 | \$1080.2 | \$1080.2 | \$5401.1 |
| 09 Miscellaneous Expenses | \$44.2 | \$54.7 | \$54.6 | \$53.4 | \$53.5 | \$260.5 |
| EXPENSE | \$15086.8 | \$15005.3 | \$14342.2 | \$14078.8 | \$14044.8 | \$72558.1 |
| CUM EXPENSE | \$15086.8 | \$30092.2 | \$44434.4 | \$58513.3 | \$72558.1 |  |
| NET PROFIT | \$1593.2 | \$1073.3 | \$410.0 | \$120.5 | \$13.5 | \$3210.5 |
| CUM NET PROFIT | \$1593.2 | \$2666.5 | \$3076.5 | \$3197.0 | \$3210.5 |  |


| Circulation Summary | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Subscriptions | 446,576 | 427,875 | 389,555 | 374,475 | $\mathbf{3 7 1 , 2 4 6}$ |
| Single Copy Sales | 25,433 | 25,433 | 25,433 | 25,433 | 25,433 |
| Average Ratebase | 472,010 | 453,308 | 414,988 | 399,909 | 396,679 |
| Advertising Ratebase | 472,009 | 453,308 | 414,988 | 399,908 | 396,678 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial Summary | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
| Renewal Sub Starts | 121,533 | 176,333 | 176,691 | 163,590 | 156,734 |
| New Bus. Sub Starts | 177,434 | 189,731 | 191,512 | 196,648 | 204,790 |
| Total (Paid) Sub Starts | 298,967 | 366,064 | 368,203 | 360,238 | 361,524 |
| Avg. Sub Copy Rate | $\$ 1.206$ | $\$ 1.215$ | $\$ 1.221$ | $\$ 1.227$ | $\$ 1.232$ |
| Renewal Rate | $42.41 \%$ | $41.94 \%$ | $43.29 \%$ | $42.90 \%$ | $41.91 \%$ |
| SCS Sales/Draw \% | $39.18 \%$ | $39.18 \%$ | $39.18 \%$ | $39.18 \%$ | $39.18 \%$ |
| Circ. Exp/Rev Ratio | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.64 |
| Circulation Profit | $\$ 3406.0$ | $\$ 2973.4$ | $\$ 2482.0$ | $\$ 2276.1$ | $\$ 2194.5$ |
| Ad Pages Sold | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 |
| Ad Revenue Per Page | $\$ 19,292$ | $\$ 18,528$ | $\$ 16,961$ | $\$ 16,345$ | $\$ 16,213$ |
| Net Ad CPM | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ |
| Adv. Exp/Rev Ratio | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 |
| Advertising Profit | $\$ 6887.9$ | $\$ 6595.0$ | $\$ 6014.7$ | $\$ 5778.5$ | $\$ 5727.9$ |


| Publication: | NEW SAMPLE |
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| Project: | SAMPLE2010A |
| Circulation Plan: | Maintain Circ - Grace + DM |
| Financial Plan: | Maintain Circ - Grace + DM |
| Reporting Profit / Loss Results. |  |
| Financial results shown in 000s. |  |


|  | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2013}$ | $\underline{2014}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01 Subscription Revenue | $\$ 6193.2$ | $\$ 5946.4$ | $\$ 5510.8$ | $\$ 5507.0$ | $\$ 5484.4$ | $\$ 28641.9$ |
| 02 Single Copy Revenue | $\$ 755.4$ | $\$ 755.4$ | $\$ 755.4$ | $\$ 755.4$ | $\$ 755.4$ | $\$ 3776.8$ |
| 03 List Rental Revenue | $\$ 315.1$ | $\$ 306.0$ | $\$ 299.0$ | $\$ 299.4$ | $\$ 299.5$ | $\$ 1519.1$ |
| 04 Advertising Revenue | $\$ 9260.1$ | $\$ 9007.9$ | $\$ 8813.5$ | $\$ 8824.4$ | $\$ 8826.6$ | $\$ 44732.5$ |
| 09 Miscellaneous Revenue | $\$ 156.2$ | $\$ 182.6$ | $\$ 188.8$ | $\$ 189.1$ | $\$ 189.9$ | $\$ 906.6$ |
| INCOME | $\$ 1668.0$ | $\$ 16198.4$ | $\$ 15567.5$ | $\$ 15575.3$ | $\$ 15555.7$ | $\$ 79577.0$ |
| CUM INCOME | $\$ 16680.0$ | $\$ 32878.4$ | $\$ 48445.9$ | $\$ 64021.2$ | $\$ 79577.0$ |  |

## EXPENSE

01 Subscription Expenses
02 Single Copy Expenses
03 List Rental Expenses
04 Advertising Expenses
05 Manufacturing Expenses
06 Art \& Edit Expenses
07 G\&A Expenses
09 Miscellaneous Expenses
EXPENSE
CUM EXPENSE
NET PROFIT
CUM NET PROFIT

| $\$ 3749.5$ | $\$ 3933.6$ | $\$ 4535.3$ | $\$ 4562.5$ | $\$ 4386.6$ | $\$ 21167.4$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 46.0$ | $\$ 46.0$ | $\$ 43.5$ | $\$ 43.5$ | $\$ 43.5$ | $\$ 222.7$ |
| $\$ 62.2$ | $\$ 60.4$ | $\$ 59.0$ | $\$ 59.1$ | $\$ 59.1$ | $\$ 299.7$ |
| $\$ 2372.2$ | $\$ 2321.4$ | $\$ 2262.2$ | $\$ 2264.4$ | $\$ 2264.8$ | $\$ 11485.0$ |
| $\$ 6008.7$ | $\$ 5881.7$ | $\$ 5831.0$ | $\$ 5853.0$ | $\$ 5844.9$ | $\$ 29419.3$ |
| $\$ 1723.9$ | $\$ 1723.9$ | $\$ 1723.9$ | $\$ 1723.9$ | $\$ 1723.9$ | $\$ 8619.5$ |
| $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 5401.1$ |
| $\$ 44.2$ | $\$ 54.8$ | $\$ 57.3$ | $\$ 57.4$ | $\$ 57.7$ | $\$ 271.3$ |
| $\$ 15086.8$ | $\$ 15102.0$ | $\$ 15592.4$ | $\$ 15644.0$ | $\$ 15460.8$ | $\$ 76886.0$ |
| $\$ 15086.8$ | $\$ 30188.8$ | $\$ 45781.3$ | $\$ 61425.2$ | $\$ 76886.0$ |  |
| $\$ 1593.2$ | $\$ 1096.4$ | $(\$ 25.0)$ | $(\$ 68.6)$ | $\$ 95.0$ | $\$ 2691.0$ |
| $\$ 1593.2$ | $\$ 2689.6$ | $\$ 2664.6$ | $\$ 2596.0$ | $\$ 2691.0$ |  |


| Circulation Summary | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
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| Subscriptions | 446,576 | 433,723 | 423,812 | 424,367 | 424,479 |
| Single Copy Sales | 25,433 | 25,433 | 25,433 | 25,433 | $\mathbf{2 5 , 4 3 3}$ |
| Average Ratebase | 472,010 | 459,156 | 449,245 | 449,800 | 449,912 |
| Advertising Ratebase | 472,009 | 459,156 | 449,244 | 449,799 | 449,912 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial Summary | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
| Renewal Sub Starts | 121,533 | 176,333 | 176,793 | 169,344 | 166,926 |
| New Bus. Sub Starts | 177,434 | 190,028 | 208,047 | 215,925 | 220,471 |
| Total (Paid) Sub Starts | 298,967 | 366,361 | 384,840 | 385,269 | 387,397 |
| Avg. Sub Copy Rate | $\$ 1.206$ | $\$ 1.216$ | $\$ 1.222$ | $\$ 1.227$ | $\$ 1.232$ |
| Renewal Rate | $42.41 \%$ | $41.94 \%$ | $43.28 \%$ | $42.70 \%$ | $41.99 \%$ |
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| Circ. Exp/Rev Ratio | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.69 |
| Circulation Profit | $\$ 3406.0$ | $\$ 2967.9$ | $\$ 1927.3$ | $\$ 1896.8$ | $\$ 2050.1$ |
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| Net Ad CPM | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ |
| Adv. Exp/Rev Ratio | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 |
| Advertising Profit | $\$ 6887.9$ | $\$ 6686.6$ | $\$ 6551.3$ | $\$ 6560.0$ | $\$ 6561.8$ |

Reporting Profit / Loss Results.
Financial results shown in 000s.

|  | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2013}$ | $\underline{2014}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01 Subscription Revenue | \$6193.2 | \$5946.4 | \$5510.8 | \$5507.0 | \$5484.4 | \$28641.9 |
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| 03 List Rental Revenue | \$315.1 | \$306.0 | \$299.0 | \$299.4 | \$299.5 | \$1519.1 |
| 04 Advertising Revenue | \$9260.1 | \$9007.9 | \$8813.5 | \$8824.4 | \$8826.6 | \$44732.5 |
| 09 Miscellaneous Revenue | \$156.2 | \$182.6 | \$188.8 | \$189.1 | \$189.9 | \$906.6 |
| INCOME | \$16680.0 | \$16198.4 | \$15567.5 | \$15575.3 | \$15555.7 | \$79577.0 |
| CUM INCOME | \$16680.0 | \$32878.4 | \$48445.9 | \$64021.2 | \$79577.0 |  |

## EXPENSE

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09 Miscellaneous Expense
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| $\$ 3749.5$ | $\$ 3933.6$ | $\$ 4535.3$ | $\$ 4562.5$ | $\$ 4386.6$ | $\$ 21167.4$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 46.0$ | $\$ 46.0$ | $\$ 43.5$ | $\$ 43.5$ | $\$ 43.5$ | $\$ 222.7$ |
| $\$ 62.2$ | $\$ 60.4$ | $\$ 59.0$ | $\$ 59.1$ | $\$ 59.1$ | $\$ 299.7$ |
| $\$ 2372.2$ | $\$ 2321.4$ | $\$ 2262.2$ | $\$ 2264.4$ | $\$ 2264.8$ | $\$ 11485.0$ |
| $\$ 5708.2$ | $\$ 5587.6$ | $\$ 5539.7$ | $\$ 5560.9$ | $\$ 5553.5$ | $\$ 27950.0$ |
| $\$ 1690.3$ | $\$ 1690.3$ | $\$ 1690.3$ | $\$ 1690.3$ | $\$ 1690.3$ | $\$ 8451.5$ |
| $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 5401.1$ |
| $\$ 44.2$ | $\$ 54.8$ | $\$ 57.3$ | $\$ 57.4$ | $\$ 57.7$ | $\$ 271.3$ |
| $\$ 14752.7$ | $\$ 14774.3$ | $\$ 15267.6$ | $\$ 15318.3$ | $\$ 15135.8$ | $\$ 75248.7$ |
| $\$ 14752.7$ | $\$ 29527.0$ | $\$ 44794.6$ | $\$ 60112.9$ | $\$ 75248.7$ |  |
| $\$ 1927.3$ | $\$ 1424.1$ | $\$ 299.9$ | $\$ 257.1$ | $\$ 419.9$ | $\$ 4328.3$ |
| $\$ 1927.3$ | $\$ 3351.4$ | $\$ 3651.3$ | $\$ 3908.4$ | $\$ 4328.3$ |  |


| Circulation Summary | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Subscriptions | 446,576 | 433,723 | 423,812 | $424, \mathbf{3 6 7}$ | 424,479 |
| Single Copy Sales | 25,433 | 25,433 | 25,433 | 25,433 | $\mathbf{2 5 , 4 3 3}$ |
| Average Ratebase | 472,010 | 459,156 | 449,245 | 449,800 | 449,912 |
| Advertising Ratebase | 472,009 | 459,156 | 449,244 | 449,799 | 449,912 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial Summary | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
| Renewal Sub Starts | 121,533 | 176,333 | 176,793 | 169,344 | 166,926 |
| New Bus. Sub Starts | 177,434 | 190,028 | 208,047 | 215,925 | 220,471 |
| Total (Paid) Sub Starts | 298,967 | 366,361 | 384,840 | 385,269 | 387,397 |
| Avg. Sub Copy Rate | $\$ 1.206$ | $\$ 1.216$ | $\$ 1.222$ | $\$ 1.227$ | $\$ 1.232$ |
| Renewal Rate | $42.41 \%$ | $41.94 \%$ | $43.28 \%$ | $42.70 \%$ | $41.99 \%$ |
| SCS Sales/Draw \% | $39.18 \%$ | $39.18 \%$ | $39.18 \%$ | $39.18 \%$ | $39.18 \%$ |
| Circ. Exp/Rev Ratio | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.69 |
| Circulation Profit | $\$ 3406.0$ | $\$ 2967.9$ | $\$ 1927.3$ | $\$ 1896.8$ | $\$ 2050.1$ |
| Ad Pages Sold | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 |
| Ad Revenue Per Page | $\$ 19,292$ | $\$ 18,767$ | $\$ 18,361$ | $\$ 18,384$ | $\$ 18,389$ |
| Net Ad CPM | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ | $\$ 40.87$ |
| Adv. Exp/Rev Ratio | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 |


|  | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2013}$ | $\underline{2014}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01 Subscription Revenue | $\$ 5926.0$ | $\$ 5913.0$ | $\$ 5469.0$ | $\$ 5426.1$ | $\$ 5378.6$ | $\$ 28112.6$ |
| 02 Single Copy Revenue | $\$ 692.8$ | $\$ 758.7$ | $\$ 795.3$ | $\$ 831.4$ | $\$ 869.3$ | $\$ 3947.5$ |
| 03 List Rental Revenue | $\$ 317.5$ | $\$ 308.5$ | $\$ 296.7$ | $\$ 296.0$ | $\$ 295.0$ | $\$ 1513.6$ |
| 04 Advertising Revenue | $\$ 9344.2$ | $\$ 9107.3$ | $\$ 8802.8$ | $\$ 8809.9$ | $\$ 8810.1$ | $\$ 44874.3$ |
| 09 Miscellaneous Revenue | $\$ 150.8$ | $\$ 181.7$ | $\$ 188.7$ | $\$ 190.2$ | $\$ 192.5$ | $\$ 903.9$ |
| INCOME | $\$ 16431.3$ | $\$ 16269.2$ | $\$ 15552.4$ | $\$ 15553.5$ | $\$ 15545.5$ | $\$ 79352.0$ |
| CUM INCOME | $\$ 16431.3$ | $\$ 32700.5$ | $\$ 48252.9$ | $\$ 63806.4$ | $\$ 79352.0$ |  |

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| Circulation Summary |
| :--- |
| Subscriptions |
| Single Copy Sales |
| Average Ratebase |
| Advertising Ratebase |


| Financial Summary | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Renewal Sub Starts | 110,653 | 175,178 | 179,177 | 167,580 | 164,274 |
| New Bus. Sub Starts | 174,102 | 187,478 | 199,894 | 210,990 | 216,160 |
| Total (Paid) Sub Starts | 284,755 | 362,656 | 379,071 | 378,570 | 380,434 |
| Avg. Sub Copy Rate | $\$ 1.313$ | $\$ 1.323$ | $\$ 1.329$ | $\$ 1.335$ | $\$ 1.340$ |
| Renewal Rate | $42.10 \%$ | $41.91 \%$ | $43.57 \%$ | $43.12 \%$ | $42.17 \%$ |
| SCS Sales/Draw \% | $39.18 \%$ | $39.13 \%$ | $39.11 \%$ | $39.06 \%$ | $39.01 \%$ |
| Circ. Exp/Rev Ratio | 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.69 | 0.71 | 0.69 |
| Circulation Profit | $\$ 3052.9$ | $\$ 2844.0$ | $\$ 2034.0$ | $\$ 1872.7$ | $\$ 2020.7$ |
| Ad Pages Sold | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 |
| Ad Revenue Per Page | $\$ 19,467$ | $\$ 18,973$ | $\$ 18,339$ | $\$ 18,354$ | $\$ 18,354$ |
| Net Ad CPM | $\$ 40.79$ | $\$ 40.79$ | $\$ 40.79$ | $\$ 40.79$ | $\$ 40.79$ |
| Adv. Exp/Rev Ratio | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 |
| Advertising Profit | $\$ 6955.0$ | $\$ 6765.9$ | $\$ 6542.8$ | $\$ 6548.4$ | $\$ 6548.6$ |


| $\$ 3776.0$ | $\$ 4029.1$ | $\$ 4423.8$ | $\$ 4577.0$ | $\$ 4417.8$ | $\$ 21223.7$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 44.7$ | $\$ 46.2$ | $\$ 44.5$ | $\$ 45.4$ | $\$ 46.3$ | $\$ 227.0$ |
| $\$ 62.6$ | $\$ 60.9$ | $\$ 58.5$ | $\$ 58.4$ | $\$ 58.2$ | $\$ 298.6$ |
| $\$ 2389.1$ | $\$ 2341.4$ | $\$ 2260.0$ | $\$ 2261.5$ | $\$ 2261.5$ | $\$ 11513.6$ |
| $\$ 5468.9$ | $\$ 5371.2$ | $\$ 5257.6$ | $\$ 5311.8$ | $\$ 5309.1$ | $\$ 26718.5$ |
| $\$ 1662.7$ | $\$ 1662.7$ | $\$ 1662.7$ | $\$ 1662.7$ | $\$ 1662.7$ | $\$ 8313.5$ |
| $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 1080.2$ | $\$ 5401.1$ |
| $\$ 42.2$ | $\$ 54.1$ | $\$ 56.3$ | $\$ 56.3$ | $\$ 56.6$ | $\$ 265.4$ |
| $\$ 14526.5$ | $\$ 14645.8$ | $\$ 14843.7$ | $\$ 15053.2$ | $\$ 14892.4$ | $\$ 73961.5$ |
| $\$ 14526.5$ | $\$ 29172.3$ | $\$ 44015.9$ | $\$ 59069.1$ | $\$ 73961.5$ |  |
| $\$ 1904.7$ | $\$ 1623.5$ | $\$ 708.7$ | $\$ 500.4$ | $\$ 653.1$ | $\$ 5390.4$ |
| $\$ 1904.7$ | $\$ 3528.2$ | $\$ 4236.9$ | $\$ 4737.3$ | $\$ 5390.4$ |  |


| $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{4 5 1 , 8 3 0}$ | 437,308 | 420,417 | 419,451 | 418,070 |
| 25,448 | 27,869 | 29,210 | 30,537 | 31,930 |
| 477,278 | 465,177 | 449,627 | 449,989 | 450,000 |
| 477,277 | 465,177 | 449,627 | 449,988 | 450,000 |

Reporting Profit / Loss Results.
Financial results shown in 000s.

|  | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2013}$ | $\underline{2014}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01 Subscription Revenue | \$5926.0 | \$5942.0 | \$5750.4 | \$5706.3 | \$5690.0 | \$29014.7 |
| 02 Single Copy Revenue | \$692.8 | \$758.7 | \$795.3 | \$831.4 | \$869.3 | \$3947.5 |
| 03 List Rental Revenue | \$317.5 | \$308.7 | \$297.1 | \$296.7 | \$297.3 | \$1517.3 |
| 04 Advertising Revenue | \$9344.2 | \$9113.4 | \$8816.6 | \$8831.7 | \$8881.0 | \$44986.9 |
| 09 Miscellaneous Revenue | \$150.8 | \$185.6 | \$201.3 | \$203.8 | \$205.1 | \$946.6 |
| INCOME | \$16431.3 | \$16308.5 | \$15860.6 | \$15870.0 | \$15942.8 | \$80413.0 |
| CUM INCOME | \$16431.3 | \$32739.7 | \$48600.3 | \$64470.3 | \$80413.0 |  |

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| Circulation Summary |
| :--- |
| Subscriptions |
| Single Copy Sales |
| Average Ratebase |
| Advertising Ratebase |

$\xrightarrow[\text { Financial Summary }]{\text { Renewal Sub Starts }}$
New Bus. Sub Starts
Total (Paid) Sub Starts
Avg. Sub Copy Rate
Renewal Rate
SCS Sales/Draw \%
Circ. Exp/Rev Ratio
Circulation Profit
Ad Pages Sold
Ad Revenue Per Page
Net Ad CPM
Adv. Exp/Rev Ratio
Advertising Profit

| $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 451,830 | 437,624 |
| 25,448 | 27,869 |
| 477,278 | 465,493 |
| 477,277 | 465,492 |


| $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 421,118 | 420,566 |
| 29,210 | 30,537 |
| 450,329 | 451,104 |
| 450,328 | 451,103 |

$\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$
421,692
31,930
453,622
453,622

| $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 4}}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{1 1 0 , 6 5 3}$ | 175,178 | 182,509 | 181,930 | 182,064 |
| $\mathbf{1 7 4 , 1 0 2}$ | 197,149 | 227,904 | 230,970 | 229,821 |
| $\mathbf{2 8 4 , 7 5 5}$ | 372,327 | 410,413 | 412,900 | 411,885 |
| $\$ 1.313$ | $\$ 1.317$ | $\$ 1.306$ | $\$ 1.308$ | $\$ 1.315$ |
| $42.10 \%$ | $41.91 \%$ | $43.50 \%$ | $43.14 \%$ | $43.06 \%$ |
| $39.18 \%$ | $39.13 \%$ | $39.11 \%$ | $39.06 \%$ | $39.01 \%$ |
| 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.61 |
| $\$ 3052.9$ | $\$ 2872.9$ | $\$ 2697.0$ | $\$ 2652.6$ | $\$ 2651.8$ |
| 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 |
| $\$ 19,467$ | $\$ 18,986$ | $\$ 18,368$ | $\$ 18,399$ | $\$ 18,502$ |
| $\$ 40.79$ | $\$ 40.79$ | $\$ 40.79$ | $\$ 40.79$ | $\$ 40.79$ |
| 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 |
| $\$ 6955.0$ | $\$ 6770.8$ | $\$ 6553.7$ | $\$ 6565.9$ | $\$ 6605.2$ |

