

URSUS Directors Meeting
January 10, 2014, Meeting Notes

Present: Tom Abbott, John Barden, Shiva Darbandi, Chris Hepler, James Jackson Sanborn, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery, Steve Podgajny, Marianne Thibodeau, JoAnne Wallingford

Guests: Dr. Susan Hunter, Vice Chancellor UMS
Sarah Campbell, Portland Public Library
Kathleen Spahn, Portland Public Library

Discussion with the Vice Chancellor

We welcomed Vice Chancellor Hunter to the meeting and used our talking points document as a basis for our discussions. We raised concerns about possible issues with the procurement and travel consolidations that would affect our budgets. We spoke about the need to keep libraries within Academic Affairs. We discussed our current and future collaborative work, but also the fiscal limitations that we face.

New ILS

James reported on the work with III and the changes to Sierra that will begin in FY16. He described the use of the Maine InfoNet Collaborative as the fiscal agent. He also described the changes and impact on SOLAR and the small library solution using some of the Sierra functionality.

Portland Public Library joining URSUS

The original plan was for Portland Public Library to join with URSUS with the purchase of the Sierra system. This did not work out so the new plan is to bring Portland into URSUS at a later date. The discussion was about the addition of the Portland collection to URSUS and how the expanded catalog would benefit all users.

Other items

Linda reminded us of the tax check-off for libraries. We were also cautioned when using products like Turbo Tax to watch for the appropriate form.

The Summon contract for the academic libraries is now due. A one year contract was requested and received. There was no increase. Frank and Joyce have yet to complete their assignment.

Next meeting: February 14, Bangor Public Library