

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting

Maine State Library Studio, Augusta, Maine

April 10, 2017

Members Present: Joyce Rumery (chair), David Nutty, James Ritter, Marjorie Hassen, James Jackson Sanborn, Pauline Angione, Barbara McDade, Douglas MacBeth, Richard Thompson, and Judith Frost and Nancy Grant

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Minutes from the February 8, 2017 InfoNet meeting were approved

I. **Update on conversations with Innovative**

- We continue to have conversations with innovative about pricing. When you look at the total cost and remove out components related to Colby, Bates, Bowdoin and Maine Maritime, the annual cost will come to less than what we are paying this year and what was planned for next year.
- They are interested in our thoughts about other services, including hosting. We have asked them for a pricing list that would include some pricing guarantees that would be good for at least two years.
- Richard Thompson expressed concern about how long the process is taking and James Jackson Sanborn indicated that it may be helpful to have the company representatives on a weekly call about the project.
- James Jackson Sanborn indicated that they are looking at a July 1, 2017 start to the contract. He is anxious to get MaineCat into a hosted environment and then stand-up Encore in a similar manner.
- David Nutty asked James Jackson Sanborn to relay to company officials the urgency of ensuring that the transition takes place on schedule.
- James Jackson Sanborn indicated he received a call from an individual who had concerns about contracted hosting. The individual indicated that there would be no way of knowing if the company providing the service violated contract terms to mine patron data to sell to third parties. James met with Richard Thompson to discuss the concerns to talk about the concerns and work on a response.

Infonet has been invited to submit an application for grant funding for a proposal that would support adding small and rural libraries to MaineCat. We have not heard back on grant proposals that would have paid for cloud hosting.

Things are calming down with the download library – support requests are trickling in, and Jared at MSL is handling most of those. We are making some content purchases. Patrons are benefiting from increased collections from other cloud library institutions.

David Nutty updated the board on efforts to develop MOU documentation for each of the institutions working with InfoNet.

Pauline Angione talked about the work of Friends of Island History and their efforts to collaborate on collections. A donor has come forward with a significant contribution to pay HistoryIT to inventory the holdings of up to 15 institutions along with recommendations on how the groups could work together.

Consortium Pricing for Small Academic Libraries

The project involves negotiating pricing and collaborating on licensing among fourteen academic libraries. It is similar to how licensing occurs between the different campuses in the University of Maine System.

James Jackson Sanborn indicated that the process could be difficult due to the complexity of coming to consensus on content purchases and the complication of determining pricing without firm commitments from all partners. It would mean a lot of work for the InfoNet staff.

Joyce Rumery noted that the idea had merit and should be explored in the future. It may not make sense for InfoNet to take the lead, but the work would be very beneficial.

James Jackson Sanborn indicated that he would be happy to do some research into how these consortiums have worked elsewhere.

Library Director's Summit

Joyce Rumery noted that the InfoNet board had sponsored professional development opportunities in the past in the form of a library director summit. For many Maine libraries, it is not financially feasible to send staff to a national conference. We need to think about ways to bring some great resources here. Jamie Ritter, James Jackson Sanborn and Judith Frost agreed to serve on a committee to discuss possibilities for hosting an event.

Board Retreat

David Nutty reminded members that the board retreat is scheduled for July 10, 2017 in Portland.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.