

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting

Maine State Library Studio, Augusta, Maine

September 27, 2017

Members Present: Joyce Rumery, Steve Norman, Judith Frost, Sarah Campbell, Nancy Grant, David Nutty, Marjorie Hassen, Pauline Angione, Doug McBeth, James Ritter, James Jackson Sanborn and Barbara McDade.

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

In recognition of the retirement of longtime board member, Judith Frost, members of the committee presented her with gifts and well wishes in celebration of her public service. Refreshments were served.

The chair suggested waiting until the next meeting before approving the July 2017 board minutes.

The board unanimously voted to appoint Marjorie Hassen to the position of board secretary. Hassen agreed to the post so long as draft meeting minutes continued to be prepared by Maine State Library staff.

James Jackson Sanborn updated the board on activities regarding a recently submitted grant proposal to cover project operating expenses to grow the number of libraries participating in the MaineCat system. The funder has expressed interest in the proposal and has followed up with James for more information. He had an in person meeting with family members involved in vetting proposal in August and responded to two rounds of follow-up email.

Jackson Sanborn said that he is working with an accountant on development of the annual 990 tax filing. He has also consulted with the accountant about the best way to approach a review of financial records and practices. Jackson Sanborn suggested that the finance committee convene to consider options for a review. The goal is to be proactive so that there is transparency in how the board finances are handled.

The chair appointed Pauline Angione and James Ritter to serve with her on the Finance Committee and James Jackson Sanborn agreed to set the time and date for a meeting to discuss the process going forward.

Jackson Sanborn reported that the Innovative integration has gone well and annual payment has been made. A series of applications have already transitioned from University of Maine servers to cloud services as part of the new agreement. He has heard no reports of service issues from libraries following the change.

Jackson Sanborn noted that the encore system for MaineCat will be implemented soon. That will be followed by a series of four week processes to get encore for URSUS, Minerva, and MILS . Decision Center, the advanced statistics program will follow the encore implementation. Sky River is ready for URSUS and Minerva. We will be working with the Minerva catalog group as efforts begin to implement

the service. Two libraries expected to go be brought into Minerva and three more will enter MILS in the near future.

Jackson Sanborn announced that download library continues to grow with \$20,000 in new content purchased in August. Cloud Library sent 20 new Kindles to MSL to allow libraries to demonstrate how the service works with Kindle.

James Ritter demonstrated a draft redesign to the MARVEL portal that may take on a new branding under the “Digital Maine” umbrella. The mockup was put together by Holly Valero, a web developer who used responsive design that makes is much easier for users to navigate on a variety of device types. New navigation in the design makes it easier to search resources by subject, media type and audience. He is looking forward to gathering input from users at MLA.

David Nutty provided an overview of the most recent draft of the MOU with CBB. Board members unanimously voted to approve the updated language.

Board members closed the meeting with a discussion about the types of skills that should be considered when thinking about new nominees for the board. This issue will merit further discussion at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.