

**Maine InfoNet Board Meeting  
Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor  
October 11, 2013  
1:00pm-3:00pm**

The Maine InfoNet Board met at the Jackson Lab in Bar Harbor on October 11, 2013 at 1:00pm.

**Members present:** Clem Guthro, David Nutty, Joyce Rumery, Brook Minner, Doug Macbeth, Linda Lord, Judith Frost, Richard Thompson, Steve Podgajny (by phone)

**Maine Infonet staff present:** James Jackson Sanborn

1. Approve Minutes of September 2012: Clem moves, Judith seconds
2. Regional focus groups – update on progress: Oct. 30 at Presque Isle Public Library, Nov. 2 MASL, Nov. 8 HSLIC, Dec. 5 Portland, Dec. 11 Ellsworth, Dec. 12 Farmington, Dec. 13 Camden.

A summary of Maine Infonet's current projects and goals went out to each host library.

Another meeting south of Portland, possibly Kennebunk? A list of questions has been developed by the subcommittee (Doug, James, Clem) and was reviewed by this group. Before the focus groups, we need to determine what we will do with the information gathered and how we will provide feedback. Best to report back to library community soon after meetings, summarize the information gathered at the meetings, post on webpage and sent to participants. Board can review report at our January 13 meeting. Essential to take good minutes at the meetings and to get participants to sign in so we can contact them for follow up.

3. Directors' Summit update: November 22 at Colby, registration just opened. Focus on Makerspaces. Panel discussion with librarians representing different types of libraries will discuss their experience with Makerspaces and Makerfares.
4. Review of committee assignments:  
Program committee to plan directors' summit and other summits: Joyce and Clem  
Program committee to plan regional focus groups: Joyce, Clem, Doug and James  
Governance committee: Steve, Barbara, Richard  
Public and Legislative relations: Linda, David, Albie Dunn  
Suggested committee: MaineCat policy/governance committee, we will address the membership of this committee following our regional focus groups meetings
5. Update on any conversations or other work concerning a new ILS: James drafted a summary of previous year's work with iii (meetings, proposals, etc.) for MINERVA libraries, a cover letter for iii and a proposal for iii. We reviewed all three documents. The summary, cover letter and proposal documents are in Maine Infonet Board Dropbox.

**Motion:** Richard proposes that we establish an ad hoc subcommittee to complete the letter, evaluate our budget and to establish a proposed counter offer to be prepared with the Chair of the Board signature, due October 22, 2013.

Clem moves, Judith seconds. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Dick, Clem, James, David will form this ad hoc subcommittee.

6. Executive Director Report: James's report is in the Dropbox. We reviewed the current Maine Infonet staffing search.
7. Invitation for the Chair of the Maine Library Commission confirmed for November 4. Possible questions/points of discussion are listed below:

What concerns is the commission hearing from the larger community? What concerns can Maine Infonet help with? Has the perception of and communication with Maine Infonet, within the Maine Library Commission, changed? What is the current tenor of the current commission and what do they need us to provide? We should share some current statistics re: online services Maine Infonet is providing.

8. Regional Consultants confirmed for the December 2 meeting Possible questions/points of discussion are:

What are they hearing from the statewide library community? What is their role? How can we help them? How can they help us? Is there a sense that Maine Infonet and District consultants are duplicating services?

9. Review of the Strategic Priorities (ongoing): The Board is making good progress on many of our strategic priorities. We have not started the operations manual. Joyce will send the strategic priorities to the group for further review.

10. Other Business

Clem moved we adjourned, Doug second.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Next meeting is November 4 at the Maine State Library.