

**Maine InfoNet Board Meeting  
December 2, 2013  
Maine State Library  
1:30pm-3:30pm**

The Maine InfoNet Board met at the Maine State Library in Augusta on December 4, 2013 at 1:37pm.

**Members present:** Clem Guthro, David Nutty, Jennifer Lewis, Joyce Rumery, Brook Minner, Pauline Angione, Judy Frost, Dick Thompson, Steve Podgajny, Barbara McDade (by phone), Doug Macbeth (by phone)

**Maine State Library staff present:** Linda Lord, Jaime Ritter, Adam Fisher

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

**Guests:** Janet McKenney (Director of Library Development), Deborah Clark (Southern Maine Library District Consultant), Valerie Osborne (Northeastern Maine Library District Consultant), Stephanie Zurinski (Central Maine Library District Consultant)

1. Welcome to our guests. James gave a brief update about constituency meetings and discussed their connection to upcoming strategic planning process for MIN Board. District consultants shared their impressions of the work of Maine Infonet. Some of the things they hear from libraries/librarians around Maine include:
  - \* Increased participation in statewide library system, libraries want to know if Maine Infonet shares this goal, does MIN have the capacity to handle increase? Even small libraries express interest in joining statewide system in some capacity
  - \* Many libraries on aging automation systems (52 on older Follett systems) and are waiting for “what’s next”, wondering if they will be able to meet price point for statewide system
  - \* There is a misunderstanding of what/who Maine Infonet is and what the mission is
  - \* Sense of have and have-nots, “haves” are in Minerva, others aren’t. This carries over into Marvel access (dual authentication issue), statewide delivery, ILL, etc.
  - \* Questions in smaller libraries about who to go to with questions regarding participation and support, Maine Infonet? Statewide library? Consultants?
  - \* Consultants get a real sense of varying levels of libraries that exist around state. Valerie gave example of public library with no card catalog, no knowledge of Marvel. Participation in Library World is growing and all libraries that join Library World are using compatible barcodes (working with Maine Infonet on this) using copy cataloging to get cleaner records
  - \* Transparency of any new system is essential: what do libraries have to do to join statewide system, how much will it cost (hard and soft costs), participation expectations, etc.
  - \* Important to get wide variety of events on Maine State Library calendar, rebrand the calendar as true statewide library continuing ed. calendar
  - \* How to convey value of statewide system to the people in small communities that control the money, without convincing people of the value, no cost will be worth it
2. Approve minutes of November 4, 2013, added Steve’s name as in attendance by phone. With that change David moves, Clem seconds, minutes approved

3. Regional focus groups – update and responses: discussed in agenda item #1
4. Directors' Summit - responses: Positive responses day of event. How do we get more participation, how to fund in a sustainable way? District consultants have similar issues with attendance.
5. Executive Director Report: James shared his report, will be in Dropbox
6. Public relations and legislative committee met by email (David, Linda and Albie.) They plan to write a mission for the sub-committee. Albie questions if the committee is meant to create opportunities for legislative engagement or just be organized to respond when opportunities arise. Linda notes that she very often testifies at legislative hearings and we don't want to cause confusion amongst legislators. A strategy for this group is to include the statewide library consultants.
7. Review of the Strategic Priorities (ongoing)
8. Other Business:
  - \*Linda tells us that the public library directors voted to take money raised from income tax check off to buy more Overdrive materials.
  - \*Request at CMLD board meeting to have constituency meeting in Oxford area. Also a request for a meeting in the Bangor areas to pick up Balsam libraries.

Clem moves to adjourn, Steve seconds. Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.

Next meeting: Monday, January 13 at 1:30pm at the Maine State Library