

Maine InfoNet Board
Annual Retreat Meeting
University Southern Maine, 7th floor Glickman Library
July 10, 2017 10:00am - 3:00pm
Meeting Notes

Present: Pauline Angione, Sarah Campbell, Judy Frost, Nancy Grant, Marjorie Hassen, James Jackson Sanborn, Doug MacBeth, Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Dick Thompson, Jamie Ritter, Joyce Rumery

David Nutty called the meeting at 10:03. There were no additional agenda items.

Discussion on the readings on the Internet of Things

MIN Collaborative and consortia purchasing

This is a discussion from the April 10, 2017 Board meeting regarding the list of resources that some libraries would like to have help in purchasing. The question before us is should Maine InfoNet be an agent for shared purchases?

If this is to work the libraries need to all agree on the resource(s) to be purchased. Where else can small libraries turn for purchases? Should the SCOOP (<http://maine.gov/msl/mrls/services/scoop.htm>) model be used, which is an opt-in for purchases. Or use the MARVEL or URSUS models where there is agreement on the resources before moving ahead.

The MIN staff does not have expertise in this area and there are not enough staff to take on this role. Other groups may have 5 staff working just on this aspect. But using the Collaborative brings us some nimbleness since it is easier than procurement to move ahead.

*This will be a standing agenda items for the MIN Board. Also other library groups, URSUS, Minerva, etc. should have this on their standing agenda to see if there is any opportunity for other resource acquisitions. If there is a way to make a resource state-wide at the same price. Seek willing altruistic behavior.

* We will come back to this topic with our strategic planning.

Download Library Analysis

The Cloud Library still has some development issues. There is difficulty showing new content on the front page. There is some funding from the Maine State Library, a one-time amount of \$20,000.00. There is still the issue of the cost of e-books, so the funding does not go as far as with print copies.

The change in platform and the loan period change resulted in an approximately 10% drop in circulation overall. A 15% drop in e-books is most likely due to older version Kindle issue. Most complaints are around finding available content. We are routinely giving feedback to Bibliotheca on issues and concerns, some changes have been made, others promised.

Summit discussion

The Summit Committee is Joyce, James, Jamie, Marjorie and Doug.

Fundamental question: Are Summits part of our priorities?

If yes, we need to decide what we want to do and how it fits with other groups (MLA, Maine Academic Library Day, etc.). We used to do two summits a year. The Maine Library Directors Summit was useful since it was a way for directors to get together and discuss common interests. Then we held a subject specific summit so that staffs could get together about their areas.

Governance Issues

The MOU with Colby, Bowdoin, and Bates will be ready by August 31, 2017. Portland Public Library and the University of New England are next for MOUs.

Balsam proposal to become part of Maine InfoNet

Balsam came about as a way for libraries to participate collaboratively. They used Evergreen which began in Georgia and is now used by many libraries throughout the country. The cost was a factor as well as local control regarding circulation. Balsam libraries can determine their own rules and belong to the consortium. They have a strong mentoring system to help one another and staff who can help with larger issues.

They are engaged in conversations to come into the Maine InfoNet fold with limited support. There is a desire for more collaboration, access, and resource sharing. The Maine State Library is very supportive of seeing something like this, but we need to ensure that MIN has the capacity.

Balsam has been on James' radar for a long time, it is a niche that MIN has not been able to expand in to. One concern is how to staff it.

We could do a phased implementation for this. We would need to determine levels of commitment and how to move to get together if this becomes a project of MIN.

Balsam libraries get good support from their consortium. Some libraries are of a size to fit into MILS, but they would not have the local control, acquisitions or serials.

Joyce moved that the Maine InfoNet Board agrees to the Balsam Merger Implementation Proposal (a) Phase One—Getting Agreement bullet one to a “agree in

principal to a merger between Balsam Libraries Consortium and Maine InfoNet". Barbara seconded. Unanimous in favor.

OCLC Statewide Contact

Jamie has the spreadsheet that we all contributed to that shows the OCLC products in use and our current charges for those products. It does show that there is much variation in what we all pay.

We would like to explore a state-wide contract with OCLC. It would save some work for them to process one invoice and we could mitigate the discrepancies in the current charges. The question is how many of the libraries in the state that are not now using OCLC would want to. A concern is that many libraries in the state are invisible to other borrows because their records are not in OCLC.

There are some small libraries that would never use OCLC, so how deep do we go in our conversations with OCLC.

We also need to consider the school libraries, would they be a part of OCLC.

Review and Revise the Strategic Plan

We need to work on the plan since it ends shortly. First we should identify our accomplishments, we have made progress on a number of items.

The Maine InfoNet Board meeting was moved to adjourn by Dick. Nancy seconded the motion. Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm

Maine InfoNet Collaborative Annual Meeting (501(c)3)

The meeting was called to order at 2:51pm

It was moved by Barbara to re-elect the membership and add Marjorie to the Board in replacement of Clem Guthro. Sarah seconded. Unanimous in favor.

The slate of officers was named: Joyce Rumery, Chair; David Nutty, Vice-Chair; James Jackson Sanborn, Treasurer; and Sarah Campbell, Secretary.

Barbara moved to accept. Judy seconded. Unanimous in favor.

Fundraising Committee

The Committee is James Jackson Sanborn, Barbara McDade, Sherry Bergman, Gene Wiemers, and Steve Podgajny. Jamie Ritter has acted as a consultant.

James may need support for the site visit by the Next Gen Foundation site visit. This is the next stage of the grant process.

James will be contracting with the same individual for the next 1099. He will also ask for a book review of the accounts.

We do not have Board insurance. We do have a D and O policy, it is business insurance that also covers the work of the Board.

Marjorie moved that we adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded. Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:01pm