Maine InfoNet Board Minutes, May 27, 2009

The Maine InfoNet Board met at the Maine State Library on May 27, 2009 at 1:45pm.

Members present: Richard Boulet, Director, Blue Hill Public Library; Clem Guthro, Director, Colby College Libraries; Linda Lord, Deputy State Librarian/Acting State Librarian; Barbara McDade, Director, Bangor Public Library; David Nutty, Director of Libraries at USM; Elizabeth Reisz, Director of Library Media Services, York Schools; Joyce Rumery, Dean of Libraries at UM.

InfoNet staff present: James Jackson Sanborn, Executive Director, Maine InfoNet.

Members absent: Ralph Caruso, CIO University of Maine System; Cora Damon, Librarian, Maine General Medical Center; Judith Frost, Director of Library Services, CMCC; Steve Podgajny, Director, Portland Public Library; Richard Thompson, Chief Information Officer, State of Maine.

Collection Development Summit:

The Board discussed and finalized plans for the Summit on June 15. Joyce presented a tentative agenda. A reminder notice about the surveys will be sent out.

Executive Director Report:

James reported on the recent IUG meeting. At the SMLD Spring Council on Friday he will present on the Maine Download Audiobooks project.

The III contract has been signed.

OCLC is launching a new service on library automation that the Board should monitor.

The South Portland Public Schools are leaving Minerva.

The Board continued discussing the Maine InfoNet staffing. Funding will continue for the cataloging consultant's position held by Ellen Conway. Nelson Eubanks has been on staff for a month. Interviews have been completed for the Education Specialist position and an offer will be made shortly.

Federated Search for Marvel:

95K has been allocated for Federated Search targeted at Marvel. Core would harvest data in Marvel and MaineCat. A Summon demo has been scheduled at Bowdoin on June 16. Serial Solutions is still Beta. They might be interested in working with Maine as a test site. The selection process will be handled by the System Infrastructure Committee with others pulled in as needed.

Grants Update:

Announcement for the IMLS grant request for the Semi-Automated Spatial Metadata Process project will be made in August. If awarded the impact on MIN staff will be minimal.

Since the Maine Folklife Center may be closing, if the Northern New England Digital Audio Archive project receives funding from IMLS, it might need to be turned down unless another lead is found.

The Maine Archival Collections Online project, if funded by NEH, would have a more significant impact on MIN staff. Announcement will be made in May 2010 and the project dates would be July 2010 – June 2012.

Need to investigate grants available through the NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Other Business:

Rich requested that the policy for acceptance of records for Solar be presented prior to the next Board meeting.

Adjourned at 3:40pm.