

Maine InfoNet Board Minutes, November 9, 2011

The Maine InfoNet Board met at the Maine State Library in Augusta on November 9, 2011 at 1:35pm.

Members present: Janet Bolduc, Librarian, Central Maine Medical Center; Richard Boulet, Director, Blue Hill Public Library; Judith Frost, Director of Library Services, CMCC; 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; Richard Thompson, Member-at-Large and Steve Podgajny, Director, Portland Public Library via polycom.

InfoNet staff present: James Jackson Sanborn, Executive Director.

Members absent: Clem Guthro, Director, Colby College Libraries and Linda Lord, State Librarian.

Minutes

Barbara made a motion, seconded by Joyce, to approve the minutes of the October 19 meeting. Rich requested the addition of the Bus Committee report. All voted in favor of the minutes as amended.

Meeting with Balsam Libraries representatives

David noted that Chris commented at the end of the meeting that 3-5 years from now he anticipates that Balsam Libraries will be under the umbrella of MIN. James intends to stay in touch to determine how that evolution might happen and what we can learn from their experience. It might be possible to eventually move SOLAR libraries into that consortium.

Meeting with MIN staff

Nelson expressed considerably more frustration with III than previously. Issue was raised about staff employer split between UMaine and State Library. Salaries and benefits are different depending on who is the employer. James has been successful in creating a team that works successfully at sharing responsibilities equally. It would be beneficial to MIN if all positions could come under the System office. Dick offered suggestions about preliminary conversations that might lead to a resolution.

Minerva Agreement to Participate

Rich raised some questions about the relationship between MIN and constituent bodies, such as Minerva. The Agreement to Participate is primarily a tactical list of what participating libraries should do. It does not affect governance issues that might arise between MIN and Minerva or other constituent bodies. MIN's role is to provide the mechanism, i.e. MaineCat, for lending and borrowing among libraries in those constituent bodies. Minerva won't go forward with the Agreement to Participate if MIN has issue with the MOU. A motion was made by Barbara, and seconded by Joyce, that the MIN Board endorse the ATP with the provision that the wording in the ATP be changed to state 'current' for MOU and Bylaws, rather than specifically dated MOU and Bylaws. The motion was unanimously approved.

MIN Website

James has met with two possible web developers and anticipates hiring someone by the end of the year.

Director's Summit

Joyce reported that plans are all set for the summit next Friday. Both speakers are paying their own way to attend and will be providing promotional materials for participants' packets.

IMLS Grant Update

Sarah Amato is moving forward with reclamation project. Valerie Glen is doing a wonderful job. Implementation is on schedule.

Subway Committee Update

Joyce participated in a webinar on Web-scale and is impressed with what is already happening. James will be participating tomorrow in a webinar on consortial groups. It remains a problem that there is no provision for INN-Reach.

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Governance Issues Committee

Barbara reported that she and Steve will review the Bylaws and make recommendations for revisions.

501c3 Update

James has received the draft form and needs to gather some information from Board members in order to complete it. He anticipates having it ready for submission this month.

Board Retreat

Clem asked that we set a date for the Retreat. David will electronically survey the Board.

Other Business

David suggested that we set, as an agenda item at our next meeting, the question raised in James' report about setting guidelines for those libraries who have expressed interest in migrating to SOLAR.

The Minerva Users Council meeting has been changed to December 7 at the Topsham Public Library. A number of libraries who are members of the Download Library plan to use the Advantage Plus option to create expanded local collections.

Board adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Elizabeth Reisz, Recording Secretary