Maine InfoNet Board Minutes, Oct. 20, 2010

The Maine InfoNet Board met at the Blue Hill Public Library in Blue Hill on October 20, 2010 at 1:37pm.

Members present: Richard Boulet, Director, Blue Hill Public Library; Ralph Caruso, CIO University of Maine System; Judith Frost, Director of Library Services, CMCC; Linda Lord, State Librarian; Barbara McDade, Director, Bangor Public Library; David Nutty, Director of Libraries at USM; Elizabeth Reisz, Director of Library Media Services, York Schools; and Joyce Rumery, Dean of Libraries at UM.

InfoNet staff present: James Jackson Sanborn, Executive Director

Members absent: Janet Bolduc, Librarian, Central Maine Medical Center; Clem Guthro, Director, Colby College Libraries; Steve Podgajny, Director, Portland Public Library; Richard Thompson, Member-at-Large.

Minutes

On a motion made by Barbara and seconded by Joyce, the minutes of the September 15, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

Library Directors’ Symposium, November 19 at Colby College

Reviewed proposed agenda. R2Consulting will present an overview on “Collaborative Collections and Technical Services: Opportunities and Challenges” to set the stage for discussing Maine InfoNet issues. James has posted announcement to MELIBS and MEINFO with agenda and registration information. James and Joyce will make adjustments to the agenda, based on discussion, for Board review.

IMLS Grant

Grant for planning cooperative collection development has been awarded and preliminary work has begun. Press release recognizes the partnership of the larger libraries and Maine InfoNet. Project funds four staff: one FTE project manager for 3 years, and three contracted positions - a library systems specialist, full time for first year and part-time in years 2 and 3, a part-time programmer, and a part-time web designer.

Executive Director’s Report

James is working on the PDQ for a Library Support Technician/Librarian I position. Anticipate filling the position by the end of December.

Linda reported that the hiring process for BTOP Grant project manager and education trainer is moving forward slowly. Project Manager position was posted October 19.

Library pledges have totaled nearly $22,000 and the Davis Family Foundation has granted $15,000 to add e-books to the Maine Download Library. Approximately $20,000 has been expended to purchase 1,391 e-books that will go live on Friday, October 22. Remaining funds will be used for ongoing purchases.

Reviewed recent quote from Innovative Interfaces for migration to hosting and the earlier quote for migration of MaineCat union catalog to a new server. After discussion, the Board endorsed migrating to a new server rather than to III hosting.

III is responding to support requests concerning Solar issues.

Maine State Archives has awarded approximately $50,000 to update, reprogram and reposition the statewide EAD database. Venice will take the Maine InfoNet staff lead on MACON update.

Summon will be implemented for URSUS libraries, a single instance for UM in Orono, another for USM, and a third for the remaining five campuses.

Status of 501c3 is unchanged. Maine InfoNet Collaborative is now incorporated as Maine Charity. Federal 1023 filing needs to be completed.

James distributed a draft template for MARVEL! that identifies the institutions that fund the licensing fees. User would only see this screen when first accessing MARVEL!

EBSCO contacted James about making their marketing department available to us for assistance in promoting library services in Maine. Barbara suggested contacting the consultants to identify what would be promoted.

MLA Conference

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**Other Business**

Next meeting is December 15, 1:30pm, at the Maine State Library.
Meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Crawford Reisz
Recording Secretary