Maine InfoNet Board Minutes, October 19, 2011

The Maine InfoNet Board met at the University of Maine Orono on October 19, 2011 at 1:38pm.

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; and Joyce Rumery, Dean of Libraries at UM.

InfoNet staff present: Venice Bayrd, Library Systems Manager; Albie Dunn, Library Support Technician; Nelson Eubanks, Library Systems Manager; Tim Pellett, Library Support Specialist; Alisia Revitt, Systems Training and Support Librarian; James Jackson Sanborn, Executive Director.

Members absent: Clem Guthro, Director, Colby College Libraries; Linda Lord, State Librarian; Steve Podgajny, Director, Portland Public Library; and Richard Thompson, Member-at-Large.

Guest from Balsam Libraries: Helen Fogler, Thompson Free Library, Dover-Foxcroft and Chris Maas, Balsam Libraries Project Manager.

Discussion with Guests from Balsam Libraries

Tri-County Libraries group has been meeting and working together for a number of years. In 2008 a grant was awarded by the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to migrate to an open source ILS. Originally planned to use Koha software, but eventually decided on Evergreen. Ten libraries were originally involved, but more libraries are joining. The process was more involved than anticipated and a technical consultant was hired. Some of the libraries are already live with several others ready to go live. The intent is to be a consortium open to any library at an affordable cost. The consortium is ready now to work on governance issues. Moving forward slowly especially with ILL since Evergreen does not currently have a fulfilled component. Very pleased with the support received from MIN staff.

Minutes

On a motion made by Joyce and seconded by Judy, the minutes of the September 19, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Subway Committee (David, Joyce, Steve, Clem & James)

Innovative's Sierra Services Platform is coming soon. A considerable amount of money is going to III but Minerva growth and SOLAR issues remain unresolved. The question remains, how do we connect all libraries, no matter the scale? Summon isn't the solution. OCLC's Web-scale is preferable. Propose to URSUS that they drop Summon and move to WorldCat Local. Since INN-Reach has been a major obstacle for MaineCat, need to find a replacement for it. The options are Evergreen FulfILLment or OCLC Web-scale. At the moment OCLC is prohibitively expensive, but hope to be able to work that out. A series of stepping stones along the way include creating multiple Evergreens. Portland Public would like to move out of III to WorldCat Local. Discovery layer for URSUS would become WorldCat local, replacing Summon. Sierra is not an option. Timeline of three years. Solution for small and medium size libraries, and Minerva libraries, would be open source, like Evergreen.

IMLS Forum

Maine community and government leaders were invited to participate in Building Digitally Inclusive Communities, a forum sponsored by IMLS, was held October 18-19 in Bangor, one of three locations across the country where forums were held. IMLS was seeking input on the framework or toolkit developed for communities to create digitally inclusive communities. IMLS is impressed with infrastructures that already exist in Maine, starting with MSLN and the leadership. Realization that we are already doing so much. The forum provided an opportunity for dialogue between agencies that often function as silos.

Board adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Elizabeth Reisz, Recording Secretary