

Maine InfoNet Board  
April 3, 2014, 1:30pm  
Maine State Library

The Maine InfoNet Board met at the Maine State Library in Augusta on April 3, 2014 at 1:30pm.

**Members present:** Clem Guthro, Jennifer Lewis, Joyce Rumery, Brook Minner, Judy Frost, Dick Thompson, Linda Lord, Pauline Angione, David Nutty

**Maine State Library staff present:** Linda Lord

**Maine Infonet staff present:** James Jackson Sanborn

Agenda

1. Welcome to our guest, Helen Fogler & Nancy Grant from the Balsam: Helen distributed a summary of the current state of the Maine Balsam System. There are currently 18 libraries in the Balsam system (11 public, the Bangor School system, a hospital, the College of the Atlantic and others) Many of the libraries in the Balsam System are very small, some volunteer run. Many school libraries in Balsam are also volunteer run (or closing entirely.) Balsam libraries are interested in more formal collaboration with the MIN Board. As their members grow, they are seeking funding for technical support (now mostly covered by volunteers.) The Maine Balsam System is also requesting a seat on the Maine InfoNet Board.
2. Approve minutes of March 2014 : Clem moves, David seconds, minutes are accepted without change.
3. Retreat planning - date change is needed. Joyce will get available dates from Jane and send out poll to determine new date. Retreat topics: increasing staffing capacity, membership models for MIN, inclusion of the Balsam System in MIN, statewide digital library, the summits/forums (how do we sustain?), governance of the Board, what the migration will mean for all libraries and how this Board handles that/inter-system relationships, environmental scan of the library world (there are examples of significant collective collection development around the country including e-books, Connect New York is an example, Douglas County, CO is another), are there other strategic partnerships we should consider?

Joyce will look in past minutes for other topics. Send additional topic suggestions to Joyce.

4. Executive Director report: James has hired Lynn Uhlman (formerly of the Old Town Public Library) to fill the open position. She will begin mid-April. No update on Maine

Next Generation grant. Single search box will be back up on Marvel! soon. RFP out soon for single search. Plans moving forward on statewide system expansion. URSUS and UNE migration tentatively planned for July and Portland Public and Minerva likely to migrate in September. There will be a timeline for migration and a FAQ regarding the statewide expansion posted on the MIN website soon.

5. Sierra implementation – issues and concerns, see James’s report. We discussed some specifics regarding migration timelines, plans, tech issues. iii is moving forward quickly and the work with the support team is going well. URSUS catalog committee is asking about catalog clean up prior to migration. MIN staff is working on catalog clean up around broken INN REACH holds.
6. Clem reminds us that Maine Academic Libraries Day is on June 9 at Colby. Encourage staff to submit proposals.
7. Other Business

The Maine Infonet Board moved into Executive Session at 3:34pm.

1. Maine Shared Collections MOU: Matthew Revitt is suggesting that we create a Board for the Maine Shared Collections Cooperative. The MOU states that “The Board of Directors of the Cooperative is composed of 5 members of the Maine InfoNet Board who represent constituencies that are participants in the Cooperative. The Board of Directors shall be selected by the Maine InfoNet Board Executive Committee. Public universities, private non-profit colleges, the State Library, and public libraries must each be represented on the Executive Committee of the Cooperative. The remaining position can represent any participant constituency.”

Clem moves that the Board of Directors be composed of Clem, Linda, David, Joyce, and Barbara to be the Maine Shared Collections Cooperative Board of Directors. David seconds. The Executive Board unanimously approves. Clem is willing to Chair the group.

**Future meetings:** May 12 at 1:30pm at the Maine State Library

June 12, Orono meeting when all staff are available