

Maine InfoNet Board
Meeting Notes
May 12, 2014

Present: Pauline Angione, Judy Frost, Clem Guthro, Jennifer Lewis, Linda Lord, Doug Macbeth, Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Steve Podgajny, Joyce Rumery, Dick Thompson

The meeting notes for April 2014 will be approved at the next meeting.

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting Agendas

We discussed posting the agendas on the Maine InfoNet page. It was decided to post the agendas as soon as possible. Joyce will work with James for access or a process.

Retreat

Jane Haskell needs a date to meet with some of us about the strategic plan and what we expect as an outcome for the day. Either May 29 in the afternoon or May 30 will work for some of us. Joyce will check on those dates with Jane.

We will send or give Jane access to the following documents:

- Mission and vision statements
- Bylaws
- Last three years of our strategic direction
- Last three years of the Board retreat minutes
- ALA documents on the future of the library

What should be included in the strategic plan discussion:

- Need a visioning exercise - what is next, we have fulfilled a major goal with the contract with III – technology has been the focus, now what
- What staffing needs should we look at for MIN, depending upon the goals we set
- What are the roles of the Board members, there should be work for the Board to do in addition to the meetings. We did set up committees and the Bylaws Committee has met, but the others should be reviewed for relevance. This governance piece should be part of the discussion
- The digital library of Maine
- Broad discussion on electronic collections, as we move forward into an increasingly digital world how do we share resources
- There is still confusion in the field about Maine InfoNet and the Maine State Library
- Are there strategic partnerships with other consortium that would be mutually beneficial, should we explore this with groups both in the state and outside
- How do we continue to build state-wide resources, MARVEL databases and maybe other types of resources
- We need a K-12 solution, how do we include those libraries

- Membership fees, we have discussed this in the past, what is the benefit to the member
- We need long term sustainable funding for Maine InfoNet to support the summits and other projects

Outcomes

It should be a 3 year plan with no more than 5 strategic directions that are critical to the future of Maine InfoNet and have to be done for the viability of the organization

If we cannot get this done at the retreat we will need another meeting to finish the process.

The strategic direction should help guide us to appropriate grants.

We also need to know the funding needs of the goals we come up with at the retreat.

Executive Director Report

We reviewed the report that James submitted.

In order to get the new software and migrate to Sierra we are waiting for servers from IT. The estimated time of arrival is June, but then the servers will have to be set up, so a June roll out of Sierra may not happen. Some staffs are concerned that it will be a tight time for learning the new system before fall.

The report noted that two libraries are already selected for the Maine InfoNet Library System. The Board noted that this progress is very encouraging.

In addition to the written report it was noted that James and Clem attended the International Coalition of Library Consortia. James reported on Maine InfoNet. They also attended the INN-Reach Summit and met with the INN-Reach leaders. Innovative staff is working on changes that are building on the connectors with KOHA and Evergreen. This would eliminate the DCB box.

Meeting adjourned.

Future meetings of the Maine InfoNet Board:

June 2 at the Maine State Library

July 25, retreat at Colby College

We want to invite Sherry Wyman, Maine Department of Education School Library/Technology Integration Coordinator to a future meeting.

Maine InfoNet Collaborative Board of Directors

The Maine InfoNet Collaborative discussed the proposed banking decision presented by the Executive Director.

The motion before the Board was, "The Board of Directors hereby selects the University Credit Union as our designated institution for establishing a Maine InfoNet Collaborative bank account. We authorize James M. Jackson Sanborn, Executive Director, Joyce Rumery, Board Chair, and Linda Lord, Board Member, to be signers on our University Credit Union banking account."

The motion passed.

The Board members had questions about the account. Do we need a minimum in the UCU account to activate it? And do we need a continuing /ongoing activity to continue the account?

The meeting adjourned.