

Maine InfoNet Board
April 13, 2015, 1:30pm
Maine State Library

In attendance: Joyce Rummery, Brook Ewing Minner, Steve Podgajny, Nancy Grant, Judy Frost, Barbara McDade, James Jackson Sanborn, Jaime Ritter, Alison Maxell, Doug Macbeth (by video)

1. Directors Report: Vose Library is using MILS and having good luck with Sky River cataloging tool. Maine College of Art is preparing to join Minerva and should go live in mid- or late-May.
2. Plans for continuing the work for LD 13: Bill is currently tabled. Since LD 13 does not come with a fiscal note attached, it's possible that the bill will come back again when the legislature gets further into the budget process. We are hopeful that the bill is not forgotten and will continue to reach out to members of the legislature to discuss the bill. If the bill does not pass in this legislative cycle, we can try again next time.
3. MILS - process moving forward: MILS will be a consortial system but unlike Minerva, it will not be self-governed but governed by Maine Infonet. Possible members will be presented with list of what they get (and don't get) by joining. MILS user group could meet periodically, possibly annually. MILS is a fully-functioning ILS that will be available to libraries on a sliding scale (estimated \$800-\$3,000 annually), probably depending on town population size. There will be some limits to functionality but it will have a mobile catalog, free book jacket service in catalog, and other functions. There is no serials or acquisitions module. At this time, all planning has included public libraries only but it might be possible to bring in other library types. Vose Library is live using MILS now and Paris Public Library is next.
4. Strategic Plan - any feedback reported? MIN staff expressed some concern about hitting targets of bringing new libraries into various systems. Fears were somewhat allayed when the staff found out that the libraries brought in during 2014 and early 2015 count towards this year's totals. Our strategic planning process is spurring Minerva to consider completing their own strategic plan.
 - a. Time line implementation? Brook will put dates and deadlines on strategic plan and have something to bring to next Board meeting.
5. Replacement for the representative for Maine Maritime Academy, Maine College of Art, University of New England, Portland Public Library: Maine College of Art and perhaps Maine Maritime Academy will join Minerva soon so this representative role needs to be re-examined. These four libraries initially had one representative on the MIN Board due to the fact that they were each stand-alone libraries, not part of a consortium. Steve and Joyce will talk with UNE and Maine Maritime Academy and report back at our next meeting.
6. Planning for a Board Retreat – spring or summer: Clem has offered some June dates at Colby. We brainstormed some possible retreat topics. Possible topics include: Following up on a few items from the strategic plan, possibly choosing a few and really working with them extensively;

discussing the changing structure of representation on MIN Board; discussion of better and more open lines of communication between MIN and other library groups in Maine (MLA, district consultants, Library Commission, etc.) We discussed the possibility of the formation of cross-MaineCat user groups to discuss various common issues such as cataloging, billing, delivery, etc. in order to define and support best practices and/or standards. This is part of a larger conversation around the challenges of managing large consortiums that include a wide variety of libraries. How can MIN come up with a mechanism to help support best practices throughout the state?

Send Joyce a note for other possible retreat topics. Joyce will send the Board the possible dates.

7. Other: No other business

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Next meeting May 11, 2015 at 1:30pm