Maine InfoNet Board
May 11, 2015 1:30pm
Maine State Library

In attendance: Joyce Rummery, Brook Ewing Minner, Nancy Grant, Judy Frost, Barbara McDade, Jaime Ritter, Doug Macbeth, Pauline Angione, David Nutty, Dick Thompson, James Jackson Sanborn

1. Minutes from April 2015: Barbara moved, Nancy seconds, minutes pass

2. Director's report: We reviewed James's report and discussed the floating collection model that some Ursus libraries will begin using this summer, the lack of a library director at UMPI and reviewed the included stats

3. Change package to budget bill and LD13 – updates, testimony, etc. James is testifying today. The change package will go to the Appropriations Committee along with original bill, they will look at each section and either keep it in or out. Items that are kept in the bill can also be discarded in order to balance the budget later in the process. Assuming our bill stays in, it's there for the foreseeable future. It doesn't change when a new budget process begins.

4. Strategic plan: Brook put some preliminary dates on the strategic plan and will send it out to the entire Board for discussion at the upcoming retreat.

5. Retreat planning – July 10, Colby College, Diamond Building, In addition to discussing the strategic plan, we should have a 501c3 session, discuss a possible Kickstarter-type campaign to fund an additional statewide shared digital collection (Zinio, Flixster, etc.), organizational representation on MIN Board and Board structure (possibly by laws change), MSCC Board review/update from Matthew Revitt, next year's summits and how to make the MIN summits sustaining for the future, update on statewide broadband access from ConnectME, an update on III projects/ upcoming products.

6. CLIR update: CLIR is offering grants to uncover hidden collections. Funding supports digitization, not just cataloging as in previous grant rounds. Maximum grant award is $500,000 over three years for collaborative projects. The selected theme is the creation of Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park/ Mount Katahdin and Roosevelt Campobello Park with materials coming from Bates, Bowdoin, Maine State Library, Jesup Library and other institutions. Grant was submitted on April 30 by Adam Fisher. They will announce finalist invited to submit on July 27 and final application is due September 30.

7. Tour new storage facility and digitization equipment: Jaime will plan for an upcoming meeting

8. Legislative Day: Jaime and David went to Leg Day in Washington DC. After a day of briefing on Nation library issues, a delegation from Maine met with the staff from Representative Poliquin's and Pingree's offices and met directly with Senators King and Collins. All four supported LSTA funding. LSTA is used as a portion of the State Library contribution to MIN. LSTA funding is about $1.2 million/ year to the State Library and funds many statewide resource sharing activities. Privacy and the reauthorization of the Patriot Act was discussed. The briefing session concluded that mass data collection is here to stay but libraries should advocate for individual privacy and transparency within the system. Net neutrality was also discussed with Senator King in support. The new version of "No Child Left Behind" includes a school library amendment which Senator Collins helped to support. It would be beneficial for this Board to meet with Representative Poliquin, possibly at the Bangor Public Library.

Jaime also attended the COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) meeting, a good networking opportunity.

Maine is having a broadband day at the State House next Wednesday, May 13 from 8am-1pm, organized by ConnectMe.

9. Other: We will not meet in August this year. In the past, we've visited a coastal town in the fall. We will meet in September or October at MIN office in Orono and the other month at Jackson Lab in Bar Harbor. Joyce will send out a Doodle poll for meetings beginning in September for the 2015-2016 year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 3 at 1:30pm at the State Library