

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting  
September 11, 2015, 1:30pm  
FFA Room, Memorial Union  
University of Maine

In attendance: Jamie Ritter, James Jackson Sanborn (MIN staff), Pauline Angione, Lynn Uhlman (MIN staff), Doug Macbeth, Alisia Revitt (MIN staff), Nancy Grant, Judy Frost, Clem Guthro, Nelson Eubanks (MIN staff), Albie Dunn (MIN staff), Tim Pellet (MIN staff), Barbara McDade, Sarah Campbell, Joyce Rummery

1. Welcome to the Maine InfoNet staff: We expressed an overall appreciation of MIN staff and the jobs they do! Thank you!

2. Approve minutes of July 2015: Barbara moves, Clem seconds, minutes approved with Judy's correction

3. Reports from MIN staff: MIN staff updated the Board on their work in the past year. There's been an increase in efficiency and an increase of documentation of workflow. MILS continues to grow with new and unique challenges each time a new library is brought into the system.

4. Director's Report: James gave his report. The sales tax exemption will go into effect in October. James hired a local accountant to prepare the 990 for the 501c3. James was accepted into the Leadership Maine program, a Maine Development Corporation program.

MILS: Paris goes live in late October, Maine Medical Center Library will join MILS this fall. MIN website has a section dedicated to MILS. At the Maine Libraries Conference in November there will be an application process announced for library's interested in joining MILS.

Minerva strategic planning has begun, discussion of a new MOU between Minerva and MIN is in the works and will be presented to the MIN Board next summer.

Maine State Library Outreach is now fully integrated with MSL in URSUS and no longer in Minerva.

New Library Director at UMPI, Roger Getz.

5. Innovative Interfaces leadership change: The Board had a general discussion about the ways in which recent changes at ILL may impact the systems in place in Maine.

6. Meeting with ILL staff at ALA Midwinter: Clem will set up a meeting with ILL representative and MIN Board.

7. 3M/Overdrive update: 3M has offered to take over our ebook collection, migrate most of the licenses, add new libraries at a lesser cost, give an overall annual cost that is less, allow schools to join, and other benefits. However, 3M ebooks do not work with Amazon via Kindle book readers and Kindle check outs account for up 10,000 ebook check outs per month. Jamie and James propose to survey users in an attempt to determine how many of these check outs are actually on a Kindle and how many of them are on the Kindle app (devices that will be compatible with 3M.)

Total Boox: 50,000 titles, recently signed large consortium in Kansas, talking with New York State, etc. Users can download as many books as they want, library charged when the user begins to read that book, charged a percentage of what you actually read (based on text/device size.) Has the ability to geo authenticate, can create a “free reading zone” (hospitals as an example.) Very expensive but a very different model.

8. Updates from committees on Goals, Objectives, and Action steps from the Strategic Plan: membership group is working and will bring something to present at our next meeting, governance group will have a recommendation at the next meeting. Joyce suggests that we all review the minutes from the July retreat and follow up on our assignments.

9. Governance Committee reported back. Joyce encourages everyone to review the strategic plan timeline and be prepared to report at next meeting.

10. Tour of the Maine InfoNet Offices, York Village 5 to follow the meeting.

Clem moves to adjourn meeting, seconded by Doug. Adjourned at 3:30pm.

Next meeting:

October 30, Bar Harbor, Jackson Lab