

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting
January 14, 2016, 1:30 to 3:30
Maine State Library

In attendance: James Jackson Sanborn (MIN staff), Doug Macbeth, Nancy Grant, Clem Guthro, Barbara McDade, Sarah Campbell, Joyce Rumery, Brook Minner, Dick Thompson, David Nutty, Jamie Ritter, Pauline Angione, Judy Frost

1. Approval of minutes from December 10, 2015: Barbara moves the minutes, Jamie seconds. Minutes passed without changes or corrections.
2. Report on the January 8 OCLC meeting: Met with OCLC leadership at ALA. James gave an overview of MIN services and stressed our commitment to supporting smaller public libraries as well as working with larger libraries of various types.
3. Report on the January 10 Innovative Interfaces meeting: The entire executive management team met with representatives of MIN. MIN Board representatives shared concerns about stale development on software, the API "on ramp", slow output on web interface, creative consortial ILS vs. independent ILS, and future work with academic libraries.

They are releasing the API for Polaris at the end of this quarter. INN REACH 4.0 will be released at the end of the 3rd quarter 2016 and will include software neutral API. I'm willing to share early access to documentation with James. They've identified Koha, Evergreen, and Biblionics as partners who will program against the API once its released in the fall.

Hilary Newman and Leif Pederson said they would like to come meet with MIN Board in March then meet quarterly going forward.

4. Report on conversation with EBSCO
5. MILS libraries and support for the process: Item tabled and will be discussed in Executive Director's report
6. Discussion regarding SOLAR libraries: 18 libraries have activity in SOLAR but only 11 lending out more than 300 books per year (Hartland, Lisbon, Blue Hill, Treat Memorial are the top SOLAR lenders) SOLAR has always been free and some are relying on the service so no matter what the change there will be (understandable) push back. One option could be to only allow SOLAR libraries to request, not lend, and make that work somehow through MILS.

Another option is to use the SMLD Bridge Library model: Goes under the auspices of AARC libraries, adds a delivery/pick up location to the Inn REACH form, the librarian makes the request on behalf of the patron.

Dick moves to task James to create a work plan to decommission SOLAR, Judy seconds. The Board votes yes without objection.

7. Reports/updates from committees

Membership: The committee created a chart for comparison of other consortiums. They will fill it in and share at next meeting.

Bylaws: Judy sent some comments regarding proposed Board membership after the last meeting that we discussed.

Ebooks (David, James, and Jamie): It feels like a time of “wait and see” with so much changing in ebook publishing. White House made an announcement at ALA to give free ebooks to low income schools/communities

State Library is piloting an ebook platform called [Total Boox](#).

8. Summon RFP status: University of Maine System contract for discovery system is coming due, Summon was the top choice but it's been challenged by EBSCO. The original decision has since been upheld.

9. Executive Director's report

MILS applications are due tomorrow. Have received 6 to date; email notice that three more are forthcoming. There's an implemented price schedule for public libraries based on population of towns served, there isn't a price schedule created for academic libraries yet. MSL staff will work with the MIN staff to select and schedule the libraries to enter MILS.

Clem moves to end meeting at 3:37pm, seconded by David.

Dick moves to go into executive session, David seconds. David, Joyce, Dick, and Jamie are appointed a sub-committee.

David moves to end executive session, Clem seconds. Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm.

Next meetings: February 8, March 21, April 25, 1:30pm-3:30pm, MSL