

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting
December 10, 2015
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

1. Minutes from October 30, 2015 retreat approved with suggested changes accepted
2. Reports/updates from committees
 - Collection Access Goal 1, Objective 2: Before we can develop a strategy for a shared e-book collection, we need to address funding model (see membership committee report.) This team will continue to work together on this goal/objective.
 - Collection Access Goal 2: A branding and management component to a number of digital collections could be undertaken by MIN, called Digital Maine. Jamie shared a document to outline what digital collections could be included, initial phases, etc.
 - Membership model (David & Nancy): This committee met and put notes in the Dropbox. Issues to consider include governance, funding formula, cost to libraries, what about libraries who are already paying into MIN now, suggesting that we set up a membership structure with a small fee, offer add on items that individual libraries could purchase. Survey libraries to see what they want? The committee looked at other models nationally and found a wide range of options. Need to consider what libraries get for their membership money. We need to determine if we're looking at a membership model for funding purposes or for identity purposes. Perhaps we need to more accurately define what a member of MIN is now. Could membership funding, even if it's small, be the start of a rainy day fund in case we have to migrate to another ILS? MSL is working on a report due this spring that will detail their cost to subsidize libraries in Maine. We need to send the message to all libraries there is a real cost involved in delivering services and the "free model" is not sustainable. Do libraries see MIN fees (download library as an example) as purchasing content rather than buying the actual service/the people that make the service work? Membership Committee will continue to look at various models and report back.
 - Governance Committee (Barbara, Sarah, and Dick): Committee suggests adding a position to the Board; a representative of independent system non-III libraries (Balsam, MHS, etc.) The committee also proposes eliminating term limits. The proposed list of MIN Board members is as follows:
 - Minerva-1 self-determined
 - URSUS- 1 self determined
 - CBB- 1 self determined
 - Independent Systems (PPL, UNE, MMA)
 - Independent Systems non-III
 - Small library/MILS- 1 self determined
 - K-12 representative- 1 self determined
 - Tech rep from University, State Library, or Network Maine – 1 Board

Special Library- 1 Board
At-large- 1 Board
ARRC library- 1 self determined
State Librarian (ex-officio)
Dean of Libraries Fogler (ex-officio)
MIN Director (ex-officio, non-voting)

The Board will vote on these proposed changes at our next meeting. *Board members should review by-laws prior to the meeting.*

- Summits: Joyce and Clem have done some work on this and are still trying to determine dates/topics. Will report back. They also spoke to District Consultants to discuss not overlapping either topic or dates between MIN summits and MSL offerings.

3. III and OCLC meetings at ALA

Dates and times / who will attend: III meeting time is not set, likely Sunday afternoon.

James, Sarah, David, Joyce, and Clem will attend III meeting. OCLC meeting is on Friday at 2:30-3:30pm. Sarah will send out additional details. Joyce, Sarah, and James will attend. Others are welcome. Skip Prichard, Mary Sauer –Games, Bruce Crocco, and Andrew Pace and Andy Bush will attend on behalf of OCLC.

Further work on questions/talking points: Joyce and Sarah will help lead this discussion by email prior to ALA.

4. Summon RFP status

5. E-book update

6. Executive Director's report

Review the 990 that was filed for the MIN Collaborative (tabled until next meeting)
We need to formulate an official exit strategy for SOLAR. James will report back to Board at the next meeting.

The Board is aware of the fact that we may need to expedite our exit from the SOLAR system due to contractual issues.

7. DPLA update from State Library: Need 50,000 item records to go live and are about 12,000 shy at the time. Plans are underway to go live by March. Maine Memory Network is not able to participate at this time and the State Library is lending support to MHS to make that possible. Once the single metadata stream is flowing from the State Library to DPLA, we can pull from the metadata and curate digital exhibits to use on Digital Maine.

Nancy proposes we adjourn at 3:45pm, David seconds.

Upcoming meetings: January 14, February 8, March 21, April 25, 1:30pm-3:30pm, MSL