

## Maine InfoNet Board Meeting

Maine State Library Studio, Augusta, Maine

February 5, 2018

**Members Present:** Joyce Rumery (Chair,) David Nutty (Vice Chair,) Nancy Grant, Pauline Angione, James Ritter, Sarah Campbell, James Jackson Sanborn, Barbara McDade, Marjorie Hassen and Steve Norman.

**Visitors Present:** Adam Fisher

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

The chair called for a review of the agenda and asked for approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2018 board minutes. Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote of the committee.

### **Strategic Plan Discussion**

Joyce had a conversation with Jane Haskell about her interest / availability to facilitate a discussion. Her fee would run about \$1,200 for a full day and includes a transcriptionist and related meeting materials. She is generally unavailable during a period spanning from mid-July to October with relative availability before then. The goal would be to come up with a document that has a shorter work plan, something that would cover the period of a year.

James Jackson Sanborn noted that funds were available to pay for the work.

Sarah Campbell made a motion to propose that the collaborative fund the \$1,200 for a day long planning session with Jane Haskell on either June 12 or July 10 or 12. The board voted unanimously in support of the motion.

Marjorie Hassen agreed to try and find a location at Bowdoin to accommodate the meeting.

### **Database RFQ**

We are honing in on final scope of services and expect a RFP to go out next week. We will be seeking input through a small core source team to review the RFP and do the scoring. Once we have identified vendors who have met a certain threshold, we will involve a larger group in reviewing the most competitive proposals. By late March or early April we will host vendor presentations.

The most likely outcome of this work will probably involve contracting with multiple vendors to incorporate specialty databases, but the RFQ process will set us on a path to determine where the larger core packages of databases are sourced. It is likely that the discovery layer product currently provided through Ebsco will be packaged in through this process.

We will be looking for pricing for five years through five separate renewable one year contracts.

## **InfoNet Conference**

We haven't had any luck thus far at finding a keynote. Board members were encouraged to think about candidates. Those attending MLA midwinter should be on the lookout for presenters with ideas that might be worthwhile bringing to Maine. Joyce suggested that it might be of interest to bring someone to talk on the topic of the sharing economy.

James Ritter suggested the name of Phil Bowermaster. His focus would be on innovation, emerging technologies and the future.

A spring session may be difficult to schedule but a fall event coordinated with MLA might be the right way to approach. We will keep this on the agenda for discussion in future months.

## **OCLC Update**

We had a conference call with Andy Bush to walk us through the four different proposals they sent around the first of the year.

We discussed a range of scenarios involving price and scope. They proposed a pricing scheme that would keep annual increases to slightly below the inflation rate that has been the norm for academic institutions.

The 30 libraries in system now pay approximately \$500,000 a year. The new arrangement would bring us to \$557,000 with a 3 percent cap for increases each year.

It would cost approximately \$152,000 to offer the services to all Maine libraries. Twenty-eight states have a statewide arrangement now, but there is question as to whether or not most libraries would have any interest in that functionality.

## **MILS MOU**

As of this morning there is an updated draft of the MILS Memorandum of Agreement. It borrows heavily on the Minerva MOP, but includes language that talks about the role of Infonet that weren't in the Minerva MOP, but were specified in the Minerva MOU.

Pauline suggested that the final document include a section for signature from a representative of the Infonet Board.

## **Membership**

David Nutty indicated that two potential candidates were approached recently. One of the candidates declined, but the other individual expressed interest in attending a future meeting before making any decisions.

Jamie has talked with a potential candidate at the Department of Education and will invite him to a future meeting.

**Update from James Jackson Sanborn**

Alicia is now on maternity leave following the recent birth of a healthy baby boy.

Thirteen libraries are now in MILS system with Thomaston, Hallowell and Millinocket are in the pipeline. Maine Maritime will become live in March.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.