

Maine InfoNet Board  
Meeting Notes  
December 13, 2017

Present: Pauline Angione, Sarah Campbell, Nancy Grant, James Jackson-Sanborn, Doug Macbeth, Barbara McDade, Steve Norman, David Nutty, Jamie Ritter, Joyce Rumery

Absent: Marjorie Hassen

The meeting was convened at 1:35.

#### Net neutrality

The Board held an impromptu conversation about net neutrality and the expected impact on libraries and library patrons. A discussion about whether libraries taking an active role in advocating would be a good idea, or if it should be individuals. It was anticipated that with the loss of net neutrality that there will be lawsuits to return to it. It was suggested that we follow the information posted at ALA to keep up-to-date on the progress and to know the best way for each of us to make an impact.

The minutes of the November 13, 2017 Board meeting were approved with one change, Doug MacBeth's name needs to be corrected.

The Board had a discussion of our committee work and assignments from the Retreat:

#### Strategic direction and priorities

The subcommittee working on this are Jamie, James, and Sarah. Joyce said that she would contact Jane Haskell to see if she would lead the group in a discussion of Strategic Priorities or Guidepost or another type of plan that would be created yearly instead of a multi-year strategic plan. Sarah will check on her local version. It was decided that although our multi-year plan was successful that a yearly plan might be more responsive to the ongoing work of Maine InfoNet.

#### Shared Resource acquisitions communication

We discussed a survey to create a catalog of all databases purchased by all public libraries and K-12 libraries. This initiative could be led by the State Library since there is already work underway to review the current MARVEL list of databases. Janet McKinney should be brought into the conversation.

It is expected that in early January 2018 there will be a competitive procurement process for MARVEL renewals. The MSL will request quotes for specific databases and will seek state-wide pricing beyond public libraries, i.e. CBB. July 1 will be the renewal date for the databases.

TexShare shared their Request for Offers document with Jamie and he had a conversation with the Texas state librarian about their databases.

The MARVEL portal overhaul will coincide with the July 1, 2018 changes.

#### Download Library

James provided the statistics for the library. The collection is growing more than in the past with three carts recently purchased. Users still have some frustrations and the three week check-out is a factor. Also more publishers are using expiring content models. This means we have to repurchase to keep the title if needed.

It was also noted that for K-12 use of e-books more than one copy is often needed since a group or class may all need to book at the same time.

The collection work done by library staff is going well.

#### Summit Subcommittee

The conversation was centered on a keynote speaker who would engage the participants well enough that they would stay for the afternoon sessions which will be on procedural and policy issues.

We spoke of the NELA representative to MLA. The Maine Association of Nonprofits. Also Linda Silka who was one of the editors of the Maine Policy Review on libraries.

One Board member suggested that this topic could be a generational one regarding the sharing economy. Maybe a Millennial ethic that may change or increase the use of libraries.

We noted the difficulty of finding a good time for K-12 participation. But if we could offer a CEU for summits that might help.

The MLA has volunteered to handle logistics and they would be sponsors of the summit. The MLC will help spread the information about the summit. Darylyne at Colby has offered space

We need to get speakers and dates soon to get a time at Colby.

#### OCLC state-wide progress update

Jamie has been in communication with OCLC and we are awaiting a reply. They should get back to us by the New Year and we can use their pace of communication with us as an issue. Of course they do not want to lose revenue which is a disincentive for OCLC.

James reported an increased use of Sky River and a Board member noted some quality issues with OCLC records.

As the conversation evolved the Board questioned if our ask of broad scope request of OCLC is necessary? Maybe a conversation with OCLC should remain with the Interlibrary Loan function.

We do have other needs, some libraries will remain with OCLC and we use E-Z Proxy. There may be some libraries that use other functions like Content DM. Maybe we focus a state-wide contract on the current 30 libraries that use some portion of OCLC. The Board needs to provide guidance to Jamie at the next meeting

#### Portland Public Library MOU with Maine InfoNet

The MOU was reviewed and voted on. It passed unanimously. James will take responsibility for posting.

The Board discussed the need for other MOUs, if there are other groups or organizations that need an MOU with MIN.

The MILS libraries could have a Memorandum of Participation. This would be for each library and would be managed by James, it would not be a Board responsibility. James and David will draft an MOP.

Joyce will ponder the need for an MOU with the University of Maine. One MOU already exists for the funding. Another MOU could address other aspects

#### Director's Report

There was an issue with third parties and Innovation hosting that resulted in a data breach. Boopsie was one application noted in the breach.

Decision Center is installed now and will be completed by January 2 for URSUS and Minerva. There will be 150 types of reports available and a one touch export to Excel.

#### Board Membership

Doug MacBeth has resigned from the Board after many years of service and this meeting was his last. The Board expressed gratitude for all his contributions. Thank you Doug!

The At-Large Special Libraries seat is open and we have to think about an individual to represent this group.

We would like to have a DOE staff member or someone who could have some influence with the DOE. Jamie advised us that a DOE staff member will be unable to speak on behalf of the DOE. Jamie will continue to search for a representative from DOE.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2018 at the Maine State Library.