

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting

Maine State Library Studio, Augusta, Maine

April 2, 2018

Members Present: Joyce Rumery (Chair,) David Nutty (Vice Chair,) Nancy Grant, Pauline Angione, James Ritter, Diane Nadeau, 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. New board member, Diane Nadeau was introduced. She will be representing MILS libraries on the board.

The chair called for a review of the agenda and asked for approval of the minutes from the March 7 2018 board meeting. Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote of the committee.

Strategic Plan Discussion

The board agreed to have their planning session on July 12 at Bowdoin

Jane Haskell confirmed her availability and would like to schedule some time in advance of the meeting to discuss what the board would like to accomplish. She has limited availability before travel plans take her out of state. She needs about 45-60 minutes and proposed doing something on April 16 or April 30 for a small group get together/conversation. In comparing notes on availability, the group decided on the April 30 date.

David Nutty noted that the last time the strategic plan was addressed, we had some very specific things that needed to be done.

Marjorie Hasson explained that the session will allow us to identify different priorities and set goals. Each year, we can go back to the plan and adjust the priorities based on what had been accomplished or to respond to changing circumstances.

James Ritter said that the process itself is a product. We will engage in a number of exercises that will help us identify and respond to the needs of the libraries (and their patrons) that look to us for service.

The chair asked members to take a look at the current strategic plan and think about things that should come up in terms of direction for the July meeting. Any feedback should be sent to Joyce by April 9.

Marvel Review Process

We are wrapping up our work in selecting a new vendor and should be making some announcements in the next week or so.

Pauline asked about how the information will be communicated to libraries. James Ritter noted that he will check in with purchasing to figure out exactly when he can make a public announcement. MELIBS

would be the best venue to send out an initial message. The chair suggested the development of a FAQ with an intended audience of librarians who will want to know specifics.

Balsam

We are looking at a King grant to bring more libraries into the Balsam system. One of the biggest challenges is getting librarians up to speed on how to use the open source system. We are trying to address this through a mentoring program.

InfoNet Summit

We are looking at doing this prior to the MLA conference with an 11 AM start time and a 5 PM end time. The plan will be to charge a modest fee to recover costs of the food and room. Maine State Library will cover the cost of a speaker.

We don't have a solid agenda at this point, but we will use this as an opportunity for InfoNet staff to engage librarians in a conversation. One possible topic would be the role of MaineCat – is it a union catalog or a lending system? Are new policies needed for the system?

Minerva

Maine Maritime Academy is now online and represents our first new Minerva library in a long time. We are excited about the opportunity to get Millinocket into the system.

Download Library

We've been looking at circulation in the download library and last month we had the largest amount of checkouts ever in the system. We will be billing for the next year in the near future and will be able to use those funds to add more content.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.