

URSUS Directors Council  
Meeting Notes  
January 15, 2018

Present: Stacie Brownlee, Bryce Cundick, Roger Getz, Chris Iaconeta,  
James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelly, Barbara McDade, David Nutty,  
Jamie Ritter, Joyce Rumery, Marianne Thibodeau

Absent: John Barden, Ben Treat

The December meeting notes were approved with no change.

Administrative Integration Team for Library Resources Report

The final report was submitted to Dr. Neely on December 22. He will present it to the BOT this month. The report offers options on how to proceed with providing more access to content, but we could not determine a different revenue plan. The report was shared with the URSUS Council.

MIN Report

MaineCat, URSUS, and Minerva Encore implementation has been released to Maine InfoNet staff to review and configure. The URSUS Encore will be reviewed by technology committee

Decision Center for URSUS has been implemented. Maine InfoNet staff will be working on documentation and will roll out to systems staff as soon as practical. It will work well for end of year statistics.

Linked Data/Zephira work ongoing- update requested from III

Technology Subcommittee

The Technology Committee met this week on the Encore implementation. The committee is working on how Encore should appear, once the committee is set with it there will be a soft roll out with a see what is coming message. Plus a comment page. Then in the summer will be the official launch. The classic catalog will still be available.

Encore does not include authority. It does do call number searching.

The Technology Committee request assignment from the URSUS Directors, the committee wants to have this direction to refine their work.

## Assessment Subcommittee

Joyce and Marianne have not worked on assessment

David reported a conversation with Ithaka, that we are not ready to use their tool.

## NEASC

Marianne and Joyce would like to have some time at one of our meetings to review NEASC and our template for the library response.

## Freedom Express Van Delivery

Jamie had a conversation with Mark Osgood of Freedom Xpress. The issue the company is having which affects our delivery is their difficulty hiring and retaining employees to sort the books. They are taking steps to cover the shortage with overtime and other means. They are also exploring other sorting locations.

There is an impact on turnaround time. Jamie also spoke to CBB about this issue.

If there are any delay or other delivery issues we are to use the ticket system on the MSL website.

The MSL provides one day of delivery to public libraries, this is \$800/year per library. It has to be a public library as defined by the Maine Library Commission.

Freedom Xpress lost the Rite Aid contract which may become an issue for libraries.

## Collaboration

### Common resources

There are resources we all pay for (Elsevier) is our largest shared invoice. We need to have all approvers be prompt since delays may mean extra costs if the invoice is not paid on time. There are 21 approvers for Science Direct and just one can hold up the check.

Development Day. Planning for late July or early August.

ACRL Roadshow and the MIN summit, where are these two plans for times and locations.

Bowdoin will be bringing in one of the Roadshows to the state.

We are planning for the Framework Roadshow on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Portland.

## Open Educational Resources

David and Stacey met with a DOE representative on K-12 and higher education response to open education materials.

## Net Neutrality

Jamie reported that the Senate course of action is to reverse the recent rule. Senator Collins is supporting this, it may be under the Congressional Review Act.

ALA does not think a legislation fix is viable. They anticipate court challenges to be the way to make the change.

Jamie confirmed that MSLN is exempt from net neutrality, but will still feel the impact of down-stream delivery because some resources are not exempt.

## UMS BOT and political statements

Marianne raised the issue of the BOT and their anticipated change to not allow university personnel to advocate for issues. Our positions can give validity to positions on issues. Maybe we need to call it education, not advocacy. One reason they may be taking action on this is to maintain the 501c3 status. But the status allows for 20% of the institution time for advocacy.

## FERPA and Sierra

Bryce raised the issue of using photos within Sierra. He said that permission was needed because of FERPA. Fort Kent has used photos, they maintain a separate server. We are covered by the law on the confidentiality of patron records.

## Update on BPL Search

The search committee is interviewing two candidates the weeks of January 21 and 28. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board.

## Local Library Reports

The reports were not gathered before the meeting, directors reported out at the meeting.

University College and University of Maine at Augusta

Work is underway for integration, but there is uncertainty what this means. It may mean taking away the UC brand. What it means for library services is unknown.

#### University of Maine at Presque Isle

They will have a new fixed length position that will be scheduled for evenings.

#### University of Maine at Fort Kent

They are redesigning the library space and looking at new furniture ideas.

#### Maine State Library

They are proceeding with the second round of the newspaper grant.

They are getting new flooring in the public spaces.

A 10,000 book discard project is underway, these are duplicates from the Books by Mail collection.

DPLA, they are in touch with other institutions to integrate into the next harvest. DPLA has changed structure, the service hub now has to pay a few. If the fee is not paid they will still harvest but it will not be a priority.

#### Off Campus Library Services

They are prepping for the new semester working with video streaming requests.

They are focused on the reintegration process.

They have been attending meetings about library resources in the prisons.

#### Law Library

Prepping for the semester.

Attending the AALS conference.

#### University of Maine at Farmington

There was an all campus meeting on the budget.

The security gates were removed from the library, this will provide some savings.

The IT help desk was moved to the first floor.

There will be a monthly meeting with all building occupants.

The library is used to showcase art.

#### Maine InfoNet

Todd Berry, IT programmer, will test load patron barcodes. The trade-off is with distance students. They may need to be manually added.

#### Bangor Public Library

They are currently not using the Digital commons as well as imagined, but they are not dropping it.

They hope to get the certificate of occupancy by next month.

They had 525 attendees at the New Year party

The Bangor Reads book is "A Man Called Ove".

The Friends group gave a 4000.00 grant for a separate collection of e-books.

#### University of Maine

Working on the NEASC self-study and the data sheet

Reviewing library services to the Darling Marine Center and the Hutchinson Center.

The Stephen King papers will be digitized by HistoryIT, some of the work may be done on campus.

Working on the Foundation's new campaign with the template for the library.

New furniture was installed over break on the third floor.