

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting  
December 2, 2019  
Zoom Meeting

Present: Pauline Angione, Sarah Campbell, Nancy Grant, James Jackson Sanborn, Steve Norman, David Nutty, Jamie Ritter, Joyce Rumery, Janet Sortor, Ben Treat

The meeting minutes for November 4, 2019 were approved

Director's report

James reported on the results of the policy survey that was initiated at the Maine Library Association Conference this year. There is a concern among some libraries about the driver's license number as an identification in the patron record, they feel it is need to accurately identify borrowers. The full birthdate is important to some since collection agencies require it.

James asked the Board how we want to review the survey results. James will convene a small subcommittee to address the identification issue and then handle the other policies one at a time. Steve and Nancy volunteered to serve on the identification policy subcommittee. James may ask for others outside the Board to serve.

API progress is moving along. Nancy, James, Jamie, and Chris Moss are meeting The week of December 2 to review this as it applies to Balsam and funding for the API.

James reported that a recent contact from Innovative implied that there may be some costs or fees connected with the licensing for libraries joining via the API. James reported to the Innovative representative that our last negotiations including the enterprise site license for agencies and that no fees should be incurred with the work we are doing. The Board advised James to hold firm on this when he meeting with Kathy Harness.

Fundraising Committee Report

The Fundraising Committee met the morning of December 2. The committee spoke about a meeting with John Spritz. He has done work for the MSL and for the Maine State Bicentennial. For fundraising we need to distill and clarify our message. What do our users want, both the libraries and the residents of the state. The suggestion is to have the message be more graphical, note the difference between a stand-alone library and one that is in MaineCat.

Also we should say that we are Maine InfoNet doing business as MaineCat. Users know MaineCat more than they know Maine InfoNet. James may make this change on the tax documents. It was suggested that we copyright MaineCat and that we buy the domain name.

There will be meetings with James and Jamie around the next biennial budget and a meeting with the governor's staff in the spring, both are to get funding for another staff member for MIN.

## OCLC debrief

The Board discussed the meeting with OCLC and their ILS products, WISE and WMS. They have progressed on both products since we last met with them. McGill is acquiring WMS and that will be good to monitor. James reported on a consortium using WMS. WISE is only in Europe now.

The Board moved on to a broader discussion of next steps. We have time to consider our options since our contract with III has about two years left. We have had presentations from Folio and OCLC. We should look at other options particularly since APIs may make it easier for libraries to use different software. We should look at Ex Libris and have III make a presentation to us.

We need a subcommittee to learn about open source. To better understand the products available and what may be better for some libraries.

It was suggested and the Board agreed to make our review of the various ILS products more formal in that we will create reports for ourselves after each presentation to have the information at hand to help us when we get to our next steps. This is not meant to be as formal as an RFP collection, but something that might give us more information from our perceptions that what we can see on their product websites. David will pull together notes on Folio and Sarah will do the same for OCLC.

## MacMillan boycott, any feedback, any next steps

Sarah reported out on the steps and communications from the URBAN Libraries Council. Portland Public Library is boycotting. The Maine Library Association has been encouraging libraries to boycott. There will be a meeting with the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance. Sarah has a meeting with Tom Allen set up.

## Plan our work for 2020

The Board reviewed our 2019-2020 Strategic Priorities for those items that we need to attend to this month or early in 2020.

### Communications and Partnerships:

Action CP.1.1.1. The committee of Sarah, Ben, and Diane will work on this.

Action CP.2.2.1. James will do this soon.

### Finance:

Action F.2.1.1. We need a subcommittee for this action step. James will be able to get us an appropriate list from ICOLC. Once he has the list it will go to Joyce and a subgroup of the Board will take on the review. This is due January 30, 2020.

Action F.3.1.1. The Fundraising Committee will continue to meet with reports back to the Board.

Governance:

Action G.1.31. The committee of David, Marjorie, and Nancy will work on this.

MaineCat Environment and Growth:

Action MC.1.3.1. The next two candidates for MILS have been identified and the work has begun.

Action MC.1.3.3 This work is ongoing and has been progressing.

SimplyE and DPLA

Jamie reported that there will be a meeting about SimplyE within the next two weeks. Some Board members are interested in attending.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm  
Joyce Rumery