

## **Maine InfoNet Board Meeting April 4, 2022**

Meeting commenced at 1:38pm, all in attendance, Sarah joined at 2:00pm.

**Item 1** March meeting notes were deferred to the next meeting as they were not yet ready for approval.

**Item 2** There was no finance report, but James did say the 990 was received.

**Item 3** David announced the Board leadership candidates beginning on July 1. They are Jamie Ritter as Chair, Steve Norman as Vice Chair, and Ben Treat as Treasurer. Janet moved to approve the slate and Joyce seconded. It was approved unanimously.

**Item 4** Promotion of the MIN Pre-Conference for MLA was discussed. The Maine State Library will take care of social media. Each representative from one of the systems will send the registration information to their members. Steve Normal volunteered to do a MELIBS posting, and James and Steve said they would promote it at the upcoming MINERVA spring meeting.

**Item 5** ARPA Updates - James' Executive Director report contains updates on the work. A notable achievement is that Blue Hill Library will go live with its connection to MaineCat this week. James reported regular meetings with Polaris reps. Polaris rep will be coming to Maine to do modeling of the conversion with 20 libraries. Jamie reported that he will be asking for an extension from IMLS for the timeframe of our work.

**Item 6** MIN Retreat? The consensus was that this may not be the best summer to do a retreat and new strategic plan given the ARPA work and new members. There was agreement that the June meeting of the Board will be in person in Augusta and will include a retirement event for Joyce and David.

The May meeting will be hybrid with the option to attend at the State Library or via Zoom.

James reported on attending ICOLC Conference. There were 85 in person, most were masked during the presentations but were unmasked during the food and beverage events, which presented a confusing atmosphere. The keynote was the chair of everylibrary.org, John Chrastka. Everylibrary.org is an advocacy group. James thought he might make a good speaker in Maine at some point.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59pm.