

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 3 at 1:30 p.m. by Zoom

The meeting was called to order at about 1:30 by Steve Norman.

Attending were James Jackson Sanborn, Marianne Thibodeau, Marijke Visser, Ben Treat, Nancy Grant, Diane Nadeau, Janet Sortor, Steve Norman, and Bryce Cundick. Marjorie Hassen could not attend.

Nancy Grant moved and Marianne Thibodeau seconded approving the minutes of the September meeting. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee report is still awaiting the repopulating of the Board.

The “ARPA funds report” will be called the “MaineCat improvement grant from MSL” from now on. This funding was not an ARPA grant to InfoNet but rather to MSL.

James distributed a chart to show progress on the ARPA projects and expenditures. In a nutshell, there’s a whole lot happening (Polaris migration, MitiNet cleanups, Direct to InnReach (D2IR) development for the various ILS platforms that are connecting to MaineCat, preparations to migrate new libraries into MaineCat, and other assorted work). Also, \$50,000 was expended to keep the ILL van delivery on solid financial ground. The plans for spending the ARPA funds seems to be progressing well in a way to meet the project deadlines.

James reported on progress on the Maine InfoNet policies discussed at the spring MLA pre-conference workshop. There are a few remaining questions to be resolved in the six groups of policies. A tentative goal is to have the policies put out for comment in November and ready for approval at the December MIN Board meeting.

Ben described progress on drafting privacy and collection development/intellectual freedom policies. Ben noted that there are two different categories of collections to consider for a collection development policy: 1. collections like ComicsPlus, in which (by the act of subscribing to the service) the whole collection has been selected (the EBSCO databases that were challenged in Colorado were mentioned as a real-life example), and 2. collections where specific items are selected (CloudLibrary, for instance). For privacy, Ben specified three categories of Personally Identifiable Information that should be addressed: 1. information that definitely should not be collected, 2. information that generally should be avoided but is acceptable because of special situations, and 3. information that definitely should be collected. The goal is to develop a draft of these policies then send it to various governing boards of MaineCat components for comment.

James reported that interviews should start soon for the new InfoNet staff position of Library Systems Support/Resource Sharing Specialist.

There was discussion of the new Memorandum of Participation being drafted by Minerva.

The MIN Board revisited its frustration with having to spend so much of the CloudLibrary resources on the renewal of expiring Ebook licenses. The model for Ebook purchases for libraries does not seem sustainable.

Kevin Smith is the new Director of the Colby College Libraries. Daisy Dominguez Singh will start in October as the new Dean of Libraries for the University of Maine. Zach Newell has started as the new Dean of Libraries at the University of Southern Maine. Jessica Lundgren is the new Director at the Law and Legislative Library.

Marijke indicated that van delivery costs had stabilized for the time being. There are some hopeful signs on that front.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, November 7 at 1:30 p.m. by Zoom.