

Maine Infonet Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 7 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, Marijke Visser, Ben Treat, Nancy Grant, Janet Sortor, Steve Norman, Bryce Cundick, Marjorie Hassen, and Daisy Singh. Diane Nadeau could not attend.

Daisy Singh was warmly welcomed as a new member of the board to represent the University of Maine Libraries.

Janet Sortor moved and Nancy Grant seconded approving the minutes of the October meeting. Motion carried.

James warned Daisy that she is in line to be part of the Finance Committee since she represents one of InfoNet's two funding bodies (Maine State Library is the other). Bryce volunteered to be a fourth member of the committee if needed.

James gave an update on the MaineCat improvement grant through the Maine State Library. Work on various projects and the estimated expenses seem to be on track to meet budgets and deadline. James mentioned an existing Koha subgroup of Naples, Bridgton, and Sebago that is lacking current support. Migrating this group to a hosted environment is a good possibility and would be more sustainable. James noted that setting up libraries with other similar libraries to be first choices for bestseller types of interlibrary loan requests is desirable.

James reviewed drafts of the six InfoNet policies, which have been discussed widely and exhaustively. He will post the drafts of the policies on the major listservs in Maine (MeLibs, MINERVA-L, etc.) to solicit comments. After considering any comments, he hopes to have final drafts of the policies to be voted on by the InfoNet Board at its next meeting on December 5.

Ben reviewed that status of work on InfoNet policies for collection development and privacy. Right now, InfoNet does not have a collection development policy. Marijke noted that recent developments in Missouri have added some urgency to brushing up such a policy. Marjorie said that CBB has developed procedures for responding to challenges. Work on these policies will continue.

James went over his Executive Director's report. MILS will go live with walk-in reciprocal borrowing in December. Interviews for the new InfoNet position are finished. James hopes to make an offer this week. Progress is being made on growing and connecting various subgroups (MILS, Balsam, Apollo/Biblionix, Koha) to MaineCat.

The RFP presentations for URSUS are completed. Possibly, perhaps, maybe a good direction might be Alma for academic libraries and Polaris for public libraries—but it is too early to say.

There is nothing noteworthy to report on van delivery. It can be removed from future agendas for now.

Marijke gave an update on the hiring of a new State Librarian. Stay tuned for an official announcement.

The next meeting will be in person on December 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the current home of the Maine State Library.

Meeting adjourned.