

Maine Infonet Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Maine State Library

Delayed almost not at all by a farewell lunch, the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. by Steve Norman.

Attending were James Jackson Sanborn, Nancy Grant, Bryce Cundick, Daisy Singh, Diane Nadeau, Janet Sortor (by Zoom), Steve Norman, Lori Fisher, Marjorie Hassen, Ben Treat, and Sarah Moore (new Director at the Portland Public Library).

Farewells were said and gratitude expressed to Marjorie Hassen and Diane Nadeau, who were retiring and leaving the Board. Many thanks to them for their help and dedication over the years.

Sarah Moore was welcomed. Fortunately, her GPS guided her straight to the Maine State Library's semi-temporary new location.

A slate of officers for the Board was put forward: Steve Norman as Chair; Daisy Dominguez Singh as Vice Chair; and Bryce Cundick as Secretary. The slate was voted on and approved. Thank you very much to Marjorie for arranging the slate.

Ben Treat still serves as Treasurer. The election for that position will happen in August, which will be the first meeting of the Fiscal Year and when officers are normally elected and also the Board's members reappointed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion carried.

Sarah Moore was appointed officially to the MIN Board. Welcome, Sarah!

Kevin Smith (new Director at the Colby College Library) and a representative from MILS are anticipated future members of the Board.

The three permanent committees of the MIN Board are Executive, Finance, and Governance. We need to reconstitute the Governance Committee, which was previously David Nutty, Marjorie, and Nancy Grant.

James reported that he had met the deadlines for expenditures of the ARPA funds. About \$147,000 is earmarked still for the MaineCat improvement project.

Other MaineCat improvement news: The Contracted Migration Services for Polaris were slowed by a delay from the vendor in project loading but are back on track. Apollo/Biblionix D2IR work is completing the certification process. The Chickadee Library Consortium moving to a shared Koha system should go live in mid-October 2023 and connect to MaineCat afterward by D2IR.

James reported that InnReach has not quite yet completed the migration from Millennium to Sierra. MaineCat will migrate to the new Sierra InnReach architecture after testing, sometime in the week of June 19.

The MaineCat server has migrated to a new Clarivate server farm from the former AWS service. There is now more dedicated space on the server farm, rather than available on demand as was the case formerly.

The C-B-B migration has run into delays resulting from a vendor failure in communication. Go-live will now be in mid-September, then connecting back with MaineCat. Clarivate is creating a new position to avoid such a communication breakdown in the future.

James reported on discussions from the ICOLC conference. Problems with OCLC's business model and pricing were a hot issue. In fact, Portland Public Library just dropped OCLC. Alternatives to OCLC are being explored. James noted that another Polaris consortium is running in New Jersey. Also, he gathered useful information about current legal and political matters in other states.

Download Library invoices were sent; funds are being received; and a large order is planned to prepare for summer reading.

During a recap of the MLA preconference on Library Ecosystems, Lori expressed her hope to solidify the connection with the Maine Cultural Agencies, which were represented at the preconference and very excited about their overlap with libraries. MLA will take the lead to organize a core group to meet quarterly to improve communication networks and to focus on education. The first meeting will be sometime before September.

Ben gave an update on the privacy and collection development/intellectual freedom policies. The committee met the past Friday and adapted a document from New Hampshire. Work will continue.

Bryce made a motion seconded by Nancy that the Board authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of Infonet the Minerva MOU as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

E-book licensing issues were briefly discussed. More to come later.

The consensus was that Board meetings every other month was a good plan—meetings to be in person, at least until winter arrives.

The next meeting will be on August 7 in Orono at noon to accommodate lunch with Infonet staff.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.