

Maine Infonet Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maine State Library

The meeting was called to order at about 2:00 p.m. by Steve Norman.

Attending were James Jackson Sanborn, Nancy Grant, Bryce Cundick, Daisy Singh, Janet Sortor (by Zoom), Steve Norman, Lori Fisher, Ben Treat, Sarah Moore, and Kevin Smith (new Director of Colby College Libraries).

Ben Treat was elected as Board Treasurer; current Board members were reappointed to the Board; and Kevin Smith (welcome, Kevin!) was appointed to the Board.

There was discussion of filling the Board vacancies created by departures of Diane Nadeau and Janet Sortor. Various people to represent MILS libraries were suggested. Janet will send us suggestions for a possible representative for community college libraries.

Ben reported that Infonet is verifiably solidly in the black.

James reported on the MaineCat Improvement Project. The first batch of new MILS libraries (Bethel, Parsons in Alfred, Mechanic Falls, Stonington, and Waldoboro) is up and running in Polaris. Work continues on the D2IR (Direct to InnReach) connections for the Chickadee Consortium (Casco, Naples, Bridgton, Raymond Village, and Harrison Village) (on track to go live as a Koha consortium in October); Apollo/Biblionix libraries; and Balsam/Evergreen libraries.

MaineCat is now fully migrated to the new Sierra architecture for InnReach. Work continues with Ex Libris/Alma to get Colby, Bates, and Bowdoin libraries reintegrated with InnReach by API.

The Alma migration for part of URSUS is on hold until September. Polaris migration for the other (public) part of URSUS has been included in the State budget. The contract terms between Infonet and Triple-I still need to be negotiated and a timeline established that conforms to the State's budget *and* is reasonable for Infonet staff.

Three libraries will be joining Minerva: Friend Memorial in Brooklin in early fall; Northeast Harbor in late fall or early winter; and Prince Memorial in Cumberland in winter or early spring. Two libraries (Eastern Maine Medical Center and York Schools) have left Minerva.

Use of Cloudlibrary continues to increase, with e-audiobook usage exceeding and growing faster than that of e-books.

Ben Treat explained the draft Maine Infonet Digital Collections Policy and a Request for Reconsideration of Digital Materials procedure. A handful of revisions were agreed on. The two documents with those revisions will be brought back to the next Board meeting for formal approval.

Lori updated the Board on the Maine State Library's Database and Van Delivery Task Forces. The timetable for the whole evaluation process is very tight in order to fit with the State's bidding deadlines. The goal of the Task Forces is to find the best way to continue these vital services within the constraints of budgets.

Steve reported that Michael Blackwell in Maryland is another potential ally for the e-book licensing issue.

The next meeting date will be October 3 (a Tuesday) in Orono so the Board can meet with Infonet staff.

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