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## Maine Library Commission Meeting – March 13, 2017

Attendance: Joyce Rumery, Helen Fogler, Jeff Cabral, Heidi Grimm, Barbara McDade, Charlie Campo, Todd Page, Sarah Campbell, Michael Hays (remote)

Others Attending: Jamie Ritter (State Librarian), Janet McKenney (Director, Library Development MSL)

Minutes of last meeting Approved

### Agenda:

#### MSL Update

- 1 page- overview Staff day on strategic initiatives with LeadLocal. Operational Updates – list topics.
- LD 256 – MTEAF. Model E911 assessment – a customer of a service assessment taps into a more equitable base. It is a .21 cent per month charge. Hope to get unanimous vote from the EUT committee.
  - Raise up to 3.95 million and eliminate MSLN participation fee. TAM wants a lower amount of money 3.7 million. Transparency about the MSLN participation fees.
- Should Networkmaine/MSLN services and related expenses exceed revenue Dick Thompson suggested that ala carte menu for some Networkmaine services could be a possibility.

#### Biennial Budget

- Education and Cultural Affairs voted 7-6 (Majority 7 approved Governor's budget, AND two new positions for digitization), while minority 6 simply passed Governor's proposed budget.
- Next steps – Appropriations and Financial Affairs will consider committee recommendations.

#### Strategic Initiatives Update:

- J.Ritter provided brief updates on the structure of four 2017 Strategic Initiatives focused on MARVEL, ARRC, Digital Initiatives, and Data Gathering and Storytelling
- Suggestions for 2017 Library Initiatives:
  - Add Deb Rollins for Databases/MARVEL; Core databases; consultant to the committee (stakeholder)
  - Ensure library community voice is heard. Needs analysis. Make sure we get small library voices. Regional meetings as part of this initiatives.
  - Watch for unintended consequences.

#### Maine InfoNet Update:

- Contract with Innovative – Innovative Interfaces Inc. (III)
- Discussions re new five year contract – offer for a new 5 year contract and reducing the costs for the next 2 year and then final 3 years modest inflationary growth in costs.
- Offered at no charge and small implementation fee.
  - Stats, mobile, e-commerce and a number of other “premium services” offered by III.
- Colby, Bates and Bowdoin will renew and Maine InfoNet will renew for MILS and Minerva.
- Alternatives are few for a consortia our size and needs. Innovative can offer service for all library types.

Mike Hayes asked about significant reductions – and money.

- Years 1 and 2 are \$30,000 savings
- Years 3-5, puts us at paying in year 5 where we would be. A 3.2 – 3.5 increase for those years.

Discussion about considering ILS support for Evergreen – schools and small libraries (Balsam is hosted at UMaine and is possible feeder to state system).

Switched platforms to the Cloud Library

- Kindle user complaints/tech issues.
- Questions about content that will be transferred in on March 15. Publishers slow with the review and release process especially audiobooks.
- 40% increase in content purchase will occur 2017
- Next 2 months, more purchases will greatly increase content.
- Some tech issues – modest and working through.
- Hold time issue – preview “600 days” is misleading – working to correct
- Wide discussion around issues and Kindle use.
- Suggestion to promote new additions and new titles to users!

Potential Commission Appointments:

- Latest school library applicant– not approved and made it through initial vetting process.
- Consider change in statute and what can we get through the legislation – long term conversation.
  - Board needs to think this through.
  - Determine by September meeting changes in the statute and get buy in from Governor then it could go through the next session.
  - More At-Large seats – Task commission member with finding 5 members for the

National Library Legislative Day – ALA briefs on May 1-2

Attendees: David Nutty, Jeff Letourneau, Bryce Cundick, Jamie Ritter, Joyce Rumery, and Barbara McDade

Discussion around Role of Libraries:

- Sarah Campbell– Urban Public Libraries – what role libraries should take and not as neutral as we used to be.
- Stronghold of democratic values – public libraries are making statements – rarely in a lobbying role but should we not be neutral in our role.
- Intentionally asserting values around
- MLA, ALA but is there a statement from the library commission about library values
  - In what context – not in the political context – April National Library week
  - Sarah – Op Ed
  - Op Ed from Commission or Jamie for National Library week? Centered on trusted professionals and core values - <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/statementspols/corevalues>

Questions from Helen re liaisons, new work of statewide board. Was updated on current schedule.

Meeting Adjourned 3:05 pm. Next meeting, Monday, June 19, 2017 at 1:00pm – MSL.