

**NOBLE
MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION MEETING
AT BEVERLY FARMS LIBRARY, BEVERLY
OCTOBER 22, 2009**

PRESENT: Nineteen libraries were represented at the meeting, attendance sheet attached.

CALL TO ORDER: Martha Holden called the meeting to order at 10:05. In Brian Courtemanche's absence Karen Pangallo will act as secretary for today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ruth Urell made a motion to approve Minutes from September 24, 2009 meeting. Linda Hummel-Shea seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In Doug Rendell's absence Ron Gagnon reported. Audit is complete and Executive Board is reviewing financial statements and returns. Audit adjustments will be made this month and will be reflected in next month's report. Dennis Kelley made a motion to approve, Pat Cirone seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Ron Gagnon –

- Attended NISO Conference on library management systems. Open Source is a growing trend. Remote hosting, not having a computer room for storage, is another new trend that is being considered.
- Attended Statewide Delivery Meeting with Martha Holden. Topic discussed was report from Automatic Sorting Committee, which Ron is a member. The Committee is researching the possibility of a multimillion dollar sorting facility project. The project is not to improve delivery, but having a more efficient process at library, not using labels, which is where the savings would be. This is a long term commitment, 5-10 years for return, and locks into a particular vendor. Each Network and Region is being asked to contribute \$800 toward an RFP to determine specifics including cost. Executive Board will be discussing the funding request at their next meeting.

Elizabeth Thomsen –

- Reported on session held at Peabody library, "*Many Are Published, Few Are Chosen*".
- *Reader's Advisory Roundtable* was held. Discussed was what sort of added content is desired in the catalog, and using NextReads as method of creating booklists.
- Reported on upcoming meetings. Electronic Resources and Database Working Group doing presentation at NOBLE on ideas for new catalog.
- On October 29th NOBLE, MVLC, and C/W MARS are participating in the MassLNC Open Source library system grant project session. This is second of two introductory meetings for library staff from the networks. The other session was held at Palmer Public Library yesterday.
- Heather Cole from Mass Memories Road Show did a presentation at our Tech Expo in June. Saturday Reading Public Library is having a Mass Memories Road Show. Ruth Urell gave an explanation on the show (www.massmemories.org). Myron Schirer-Suter added Gordon did a self-run road show.

Martha Driscoll –

- Reported Comcast project is winding down. All libraries have lines installed and will begin scheduling the changeover for wireless libraries to Comcast. Reminded libraries if considering OverDrive download station it would get the 16 MB bandwidth on the Comcast connection.

VOTE TO APPROVE FY 2011 BUDGET:

Presentation was last month. Ron reported he didn't receive any comments or questions. Executive Board voted to approve auxiliary costs, Ron sent an email that outlined costs.

- PC Support, EnvisionWare and Website costs will remain the same.
- EBSCO contract comes up in June 2010, could possibly be another 5% increase.
- OverDrive distribution cost formula changed due to one year of usage statistics available. The total costs aren't changing just the distribution formula amongst libraries.

Elizabeth Thomsen spoke of the need to consider purchasing eBooks (downloadable printed works). Some libraries contributed extra funds to audiobooks and considering using those funds to begin to build eBooks collection. System has capability to run eBooks. Carol Gray asked about price comparison between audiobooks and eBooks. Elizabeth explained about same.

Patti Rogers asked when download eBooks what device would be used. Elizabeth explained depends on format. Can be used on many different devices; don't have to purchase E-reader. Elizabeth will schedule a roundtable for discussion. Linda Hummel-Shea stated the Community Colleges use ebrary. Discussion continued.

Linda Hummel-Shea moved to accept FY 2011 Budget dated September 24, 2009 as presented. Lorraine Jackson seconded the motion. Karen Pangallo took roll call vote (copy attached). Vote was unanimous from libraries present.

APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY:

Ron explained as part of the audit process our auditor, Bob Guimond, prepares IRS Form 990. The form has changed and is requesting more information. One thing that is asked is if our corporation has a Conflict of Interest Policy. Bob recommends establishing one. Any new Non-profit corporations are required to have one. It's a standard policy provided by IRS. Executive Board approved it and needs to be approved by Members. Ruth Urell made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy and Karen Pangallo seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

NOBLE'S OPEN SOURCE LIBRARY SYSTEM PLANS:

- Ron did Powerpoint presentation highlighting grant objectives and current status. A vote is needed to release grant money and for grant to move forward. The grant funds are \$412,000, with \$250,000 for software development and migration, and \$162,000 to fund position for project developer, salary and benefits. Vote to release grant funds will be next month as part of Annual Action Plan.
- Ruth Urell asked if know what Open Source software costs will be. Ron stated don't have projected costs at this point, but currently pay \$200,000 annually to Innovative for software maintenance. Patti Rogers asked if had a feeling from networks that switched to Evergreen what costs are. Ron stated no concrete figures, but it's more shifting Innovative maintenance costs to Open Source.
- Elisabeth Tully thought this was more feasibility study and asked for clarification as to what voting on. Ron explained.
- Dennis Kelley asked if Innovative knows NOBLE considering Open Source system. Ron stated he told our former sales rep., Barbara Herzog, in late winter, but she didn't report it further. C/W MARS informed the Innovative customer sales VP more recently. Innovative has not contacted us about it.
- Elizabeth added library system models have changed and Innovative not changing with it.
- Myron Schirer-Suter added if went to another proprietary system would probably cost over \$1 million to start up.
- Martha Driscoll encouraged libraries to send staff to catalog and MassLNC meetings next week.

Due to late time of the Meeting, the following agenda items were tabled:

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STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

ADJOURNMENT: Myron Schirer-Suter made a motion to adjourn, Patti Rogers seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pangallo
Secretary, Pro Tem