

**NOBLE
MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION MEETING
AT NOBLE
APRIL 15, 2010**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Pat Cirone chaired the meeting in Martha Holden's presence. Pat called the meeting to order at 10:15.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nadine Mitchell made a motion to approve Minutes from February 25, 2010. Alan Thibeault seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Doug Rendell reported on treasurer's report is on target. Linda Hummel-Shea made a motion to approve, Deb Abraham seconded the motion. Vote passed by unanimous vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Ron Gagnon –

- Telecommunication grant on track, going through SACL, MBLC asking for follow up information. NOBLE's office site isn't serviced by Comcast or FIOS. In Danvers Comcast license up for renewal. Comcast came out and there is line outside the office building, just not into the building. Trying to contact Stan Usovicz, former mayor of Salem, now working for Verizon, for a contact at Verizon for FIOS. NOBLE's back room has fiber optics line already.
- NOBLE will not be providing mediated ILL services with the new region. Executive Board approved this last week. Contract expires June 30th. NOBLE anticipates stop taking requests mid-May. ILL Centers being cut 50%. Region offered twice the funding, but will be triple amount of workload. NOBLE was considering taking over Andover ILL, but beyond that revenue isn't there. Marilyn Graves, ILL librarian, position will end as well. Elizabeth stated she plans to have an open house for Marilyn. Pat asked if Ron notified Greg, he did.
- Revere Public Library donated 20 PC's with flat monitors to other NOBLE libraries on the PC Support program. Tom Clarke also obtained 19 PC's donated from Pingree School.
- Updated PC specs and quotes, posted on Staff Information System.
- Working on PR materials to reflect OverDrive audio and ebooks. Completed group purchase of E-book readers.
- City of Salem doing public library group bid, bid opening is April 28th.
- NOBLE's health insurance cost increased 25%. There are 8 eligible, 5 on the plan. Working with broker, staying with Tufts, but changing to less expensive plan that has \$500 deductible. NOBLE will reimburse employees \$350. The push is for businesses to move to more deductible plans.
- Ron will be speaking at MLA Annual Conference on Evergreen MassLNC. Elizabeth is speaking as part of top technology trends program. Elizabeth just returned from Computers in Libraries. Also giving keynote address at NELA Information Technology spring event on digital books at Portland Public Library June 11th. Ron and Elizabeth attending Evergreen Users Conference in Grand Rapids next week and ALA in June.

Elizabeth Thomsen –

- Spoke about upcoming E-books session at Portland Public Library.
- Reported on meetings:
 - Beth Willis did Mass Memories and More in March. Reading did Mass Memories Roadshow. Danvers is having one in June, Stoneham in fall. The program is run out of UMass Boston is not getting the level of funding did in past, developing new model where its "do it yourself."
 - Moving digital library from Dspace to open source software Omeka, more exhibit oriented program. Working on getting images transferred from Dspace to Omeka. Any questions contact Beth Willis.
 - *Formats Roundtable* how libraries shift from one format to another.
 - *OverDrive Roundtable*, any questions from users please forward them to NOBLE staff. Working

with OverDrive on changing the layout of the site. Ebooks circulation is increasing. End of March statistics were combined, working on separating statistics for audio and ebooks for March and April. OverDrive is moving towards dashboard style reports. Also project "Leap" for visually impaired. More information to follow.

- *Reference Roundtables*, one for public libraries and one for academic libraries. Discussed Gale Virtual Reference titles. State announced ready to launch their Geolocation project. Discussed with Paul Kissman beta testing it. Should be in the system June. Geolocation detects if you are in Massachusetts, if so patron can get right in. If not, will be asked to enter barcode.
- NOBLE Tech Expo on Tuesday, June 8th. Reviewed schedule.

Ron announced House Ways and Means budget was out and was better than anticipated. Only \$24k cut from MBLC administration account. Libraries level funded, except Regions.

Martha Driscoll –

- Reported on Local Tech meeting - reviewed Comcast connections, troubleshooting and support. Network changes in the grant, tools for spyware. Windows 7 has issues with some software compatibilities with Deepfreeze and PC Reservation. Purchasing new server to use as back up while upgrading old server and then to be used for Evergreen.
- Stats on how many times a patron sends a call number to their cell phone 800-1,000 times.

VOTE TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF EBSCO CONTRACT:

Ron reported our current EBSCO contract expires 6/30/10. A 3 year contract with 2% increase each year was negotiated and needs a vote from the Membership. Executive Board has approved the contract. FY 2011 base price will be \$4,020, does not include additional databases libraries purchase, which 5% increase is anticipated. Ron handed out bar graph with full text requests reiterating EBSCO's role in NOBLE is strong. Maryann Niles asked how it affects MCELPHI. State college libraries on MCELPHI won't be billed from NOBLE. Debbie Abraham made motion to accept the 3 year contract EBSCO as presented. Linda Hummel-Shea seconded. Vote passed by unanimous vote.

MASSLNC EVERGREEN UPDATE:

- Ron reported working with Electronic Resources and Database Working Group on public catalog issues and System Review WG on circulation resource sharing issues. Surveys went out, one survey 70% support single NOBLE library card. Bar code now just identifies you, need separate authentication for databases. Date of birth already a requirement and person's full legal name. Ron sent email asking libraries to be more diligent on those issues. Deb Abraham pointed out that with different cultures use their names opposite of our culture still may be confusion. Working with other Networks, wrapping up needs goal.
- Elizabeth added staff learning different aspects of Evergreen. Network staff having training next month from Equinox.
- Martha participated in circulation and holds group meetings.

Ron reported Executive Board approved purchasing the new server from capital funds.

REGION/MASS. LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE:

- Pat Cirone reported this is the merging of all regional library systems. Transition team phase is done. Donna Beales and Pat are on the new Executive Board, which met last week for the first time. Working on details of recommendations from transition team, such as job titles and descriptions. Staff needed. Transition team recommended and Executive Board approved having open search for Executive Director, other staff positions be closed. Executive Board will be in place before July 1st.
- Primary focus is to keep delivery going. Second tier services not necessarily carried over at this point. Once number of staff in place and what can be continued is not determined.

- Doug asked if committee appointed hiring staff or Board interviewing and hiring director? Recommendation of transition team is request for hiring committee, approved by the Board. Hiring Committee will receive applications and make recommendation to Board who will have final decision. Also asked if Executive Director will have input for staff. Pat explained with Director in place for July 1st there isn't time, the director would have no staff if waited until after July 1st. Hiring committee is choosing key staff positions needed to be in place when Director is hired. Not all positions will be filled by Hiring Committee.
- Elisabeth Tully asked do we know what package of databases will be offering as one region. Plan is for the regions to renew their databases prior to end of FY since funds are in their budget. Changes will be following FY 2012.
- Myron asked if MLS is legal entity. Pat stated as far as she knows, but it was discussed to have one of the current regions to change name to new region instead of creating whole new legal entity.

LIBRARY BUDGET SITUATION UPDATE:

Discussion on each library's FY' 11 proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Myron Schirer-Suter made a motion to adjourn, Nancy Ryan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pangallo
Secretary Pro Tem