

NOBLE Executive Board Meeting August 8, 2018 Conference Call

Present: Ron Gagnon, Linda C. W. Gardener, Diane Wallace, Brian Courtemanche, Myron Schirer-Suter, Amy Lannon, Patti Rogers and Kathryn Geoffrion-Scannell.

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Meeting was called to order by President Linda C.W. Gardener at 2:00 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes Minutes for April 20, were presented. Amy moved to approve, second by Brian, all in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

The FY18 audit is underway. NOBLE spent 95% of that budget.

4. Executive Director's Report

MBLC Funding and State Budget – The FY19 state budget was passed with a 34% increase in the line item funding the networks, 9506. We may not see exactly that level of increase in our MBLC funding for infrastructure, telecommunications and resource sharing. Having fewer locations will lower our relative share of infrastructure funding, but not telecomm or resource sharing (at least this year). Also, AutoGraphics, the vendor of the Commonwealth Catalog system, is seeking a tripling of annual maintenance payments for the software, from about \$100,000 to \$300,000, which also comes from this line item. The MBLC is not accepting that at this point, negotiations continue. We should still see a healthy increase in our state funding this year, which we apply to our FY20 budget. We will not know the exact numbers until September 21st, the day after we present the budget to Members.

OverDrive Reciprocal Lending Arrangement – OverDrive is preparing our site to join CW MARS, CLAMS, Minuteman, OCLN and SAILS in the sharing of OverDrive resources. We are due to participate on Monday. Not a single search, users will need to search each network separately, to reassure publishers.

As part of participating, the MLS is reimbursing our annual OverDrive platform costs of \$12,000. We recently learned this is LSTA funding, so we need to have an IMLS credit line on our OverDrive page.

As part of this, and due to MBLC regulations, we are no longer limiting OverDrive access to residents of NOBLE communities and those affiliated with NOBLE institutions as of July 2nd.

Both June, when we were under the old restrictive lending model, and July, under the new open model, have been our biggest OverDrive circulation months ever by a significant margin due to momentum and an influx of end-of-year funding and renewal of always-available audiobook package which added many popular titles.

Move Update – Everything going well, will have a full report on expenditures probably next month. Lobby furniture due to be delivered today, looking into replacing conference room chairs. Generator still not connected to gas due to National Grid

employee lockout only tending to emergency calls. Already been about six weeks, will have a backlog of calls after resolution.

Based on a very limited month and a half of occupancy, our electric bill is running 15-20% lower than last year in the old location, despite hot and humid weather.

G Suite Policy – Working on updating our Personal Accounts Policy, covering email and now all the Google G Suite services. Will present that possibly next month if time after budget discussion.

Release 3.0 – We loaded Evergreen Release 3.0 on production overnight on July 15/16. This release was delayed from January due to a bug with accessing electronic resources through the catalog. The new release brings a better version of the new web staff client. We are considering loading Release 3.1 later this month to catch up with the rest of the community and to take advantage of enhancements. It is currently undergoing testing.

5. Vote to Approve FY19 Meeting Schedule, Executive and Members

Patti Rogers will try to book the Yacht Club for the June 2019 Members Meeting if it's available.

Diane moved, Brian seconded, all approved FY19 Meeting Schedule

6. Vote to Appoint MassLNC Board Representatives

MassLNC meets monthly at either CWMARS or NOBLE, but some are conference calls. There will be lots of paperwork this year with incorporation in process. Diane and Brian served this year. Both offered to stay on.

Amy moved, Kathryn seconded and all approved Diane's appointment.

Myron moved, Patti seconded, and all approved Brian's appointment.

7. Vote to Appoint Working Group Liaisons from Executive Board

Every ad hoc committee needs an Executive representative, and Ron attends as well. ERDWG- Myron is a member and can serve as Exec rep as well. Resource Sharing needs a new Exec member. Theresa served last year. Collection Management was covered by Patti last year.

Kathryn moved to appoint Myron to ERDWG, Theresa to Resource Sharing and Linda to Collection Management. Amy seconded and all in favor.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wallace
Clerk

