

NOBLE Executive Board Meeting

May 8, 2019

Present: Ron Gagnon, Linda C. W. Gardener, Diane Wallace, Myron Schirer-Suter, Amy Lannon, Elizabeth Thomsen, Martha Driscoll, Brian Courtemanche, Patricia Roger, Michael Hearn, Kathryn Geoffrion-Scannell and Theresa Hurley.

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 February were presented. Kathryn moved to approve, second by Amy, all in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

4. Executive Director's Report

Good news from the MBLC concerning funding. Both the House and Senate had increases for Line 7000-9506, which provided network funding. Next year our portion could be over \$28,000 more than this year. Last year we received \$181,485 for telecom and resource sharing.

Noble and Evergreen Indiana are in the process of writing new contracts. In addition, we are working to dismantle MassLNC and transferring funds to Evergreen Indiana and some funds will come back to Noble and CW/MARS.

Elizabeth, Martha and Ron attended the Evergreen International Conference in April. Attendance was up and there were many sessions. Elizabeth presented a session entitled "Batches, Baskets, Buckets and Bookbags", and a Lightning talk on reformatting publication dates. Ron's three-year term on the Evergreen Oversight Board has ended, but he will continue on the Outreach Committee.

All MA library networks with public libraries are now participating in OverDrive Reciprocal Lending, and their OverDrive collections are accessible to our users.

Noble's disaster plan was updated and sent out at the end of March.

The Annual Holds meeting was yesterday and it focused more on upcoming changes with the new web client. Meeting attendees also discussed the "express" items and their effect on the sharing ecology.

Our bank, Beverly Bank, will be merging with North Shore Bank later this year. Any changes for us will be minimal.

The Tech Expo is scheduled for June 4th and will include presentations by Noble staff, and staff of member libraries.

Noble Day at EBSCO will be held on June 13th. More information coming.

We're watching what's happening in Everett with changes to their Board of Library Trustees' role, in case Noble is impacted.

5. EBSCO contract for FY20-22

Noble has been working with EBSCO and ERDWG to customize a package for us. Our current contract expires June 30th. ERDWG has recommended that we continue with the existing package with a 2% increase each year for the next three years. 19 of the top 30 titles are exclusive to EBSCO. If we approve, this goes to the members for a vote next month. Our rate is a great deal compared to other contracts. EBSCO has been a good corporate neighbor. A motion was made by Brian to accept the contract, seconded by Myron, approved by all.

6. Discussion of Auto Renew Function in new release

The release of 3.2 in early June will allow for the use of auto renew. This can be done library by library or system wide. Elizabeth explained that loan rules are custom to each library. If your library opts in, the system looks at your items checked out in your library only. Items that are not eligible for renewal will not renew automatically. We can provide new messaging for patrons, especially the "due soon" message. We can begin this on July 1st. Using this could cut down on renewal phone calls and late items. There was discussion of the effects on circulation figures.

7. Strategic Plan Brief Review and Update

We had a good turnout for the Strategic Plan member discussion and Greg Pronevitz is working on the information he gathered. Seven main goals were identified. Everyone felt it was a worthwhile exercise with many positive outcomes, and staff that attended were energized. This is now on the agenda for discussion at our May 29th meeting.

8. Capital Appropriation for Moving Costs

Noble moved almost one year ago, and there are some financial items that we need to close out. Some items came in under budget, and some items came in late, such as the generator hook-up. We are still waiting for a bill of \$1089 for the monitoring equipment. We'd like to close out the fiscal year by moving that amount back to the

capital account. Brian moved to return the funds and close the appropriation for moving expenses, Amy seconded and all in favor.

9. Winter Meeting Policy

The current policy dates back to 1993 and addresses issues that don't happen now. It's entirely unnecessary and now it needs to be deleted. Diane moved to eliminate the policy, Kathryn seconded and all in favor.

10. Binding Costs and Options for Libraries

The bindery has a minimum order requirement that is difficult for one library to meet. Myron would like to know if any libraries would like to combine orders. This can be brought to the members meeting.

11. Other Business

Diane asked about Noble having an app for our catalog after a staff member showed her the Minuteman app. Elizabeth reports that this is on the agenda for our next meeting. CW/MARS has an app that she is testing. Other networks are also using this app. Search results match and it has good catalog functionality, but does not reproduce everything from the web. ERDWG is already looking at it as well. Minuteman has a very expensive solution, with central features, and then individual libraries are building on that with customizations. Something like that is beyond Noble's reach, but a basic app is doable. ERDWG may have a recommendation soon.

12. Adjournment at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wallace

Clerk

