

NOBLE Executive Board Meeting 9.15.2009

Members Present:

Doug Rendell, Dennis Kelley, Ron Gagnon, Lorraine Jackson, Pat Cirone, Myron Schirer-Suter, Karen Pangallo, Linda Hummel-Shea, Martha Holden, Brian Courtemanche, Ron Gagnon.

Meeting began at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of 7.29.09 minutes: motion by Dennis to approve; seconded by Lorraine

Unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report

Capital Account current balance: \$1,183,816.58

Contingency fund continues at \$675,000.

Due to renewal of CD in August, a vote is required to move interest to capital account; amount is \$19,812.03.

Pat motions to approve vote; seconded by Karen.

Vote taken – unanimously approved to move interest to capital account.

Executive Director's Notes – Sept. 2009

ILL Contract – NMRLS is not doing a multi-region RFP after all, but seeking to renew our current plan and is gauging our interest in taking over service now provided by Andover, thereby serving the entire Northeast Region. This could provide more flexibility, coverage for vacations, etc., due to staff. Depends of course on funding. Pleased with the job NOBLE and Marilyn have done.

Andover decision not formal or publicized.

Will NOBLE take it up? Ron thinks "yes" and we should talk to Greg Pronevitz.

Concerns from E-Board?

Karen's question: will NOBLE get funding from MVLC?

Ron: No, all funding comes from NMRLS – the question becomes, will we get enough funding to make it worthwhile?

Ron will continue to speak with Greg Pronevitz– no red flags from E-Board. No motion required to move forward in discussion with Greg Pronevitz.

Open Source – System selection, job posting.

In a meeting last week, attended by Paul Kissman of the MBLC, the three open source grant networks decided that Evergreen is basically the only open source product that will meet our needs.

The underpinnings of both products were carefully examined, selected functionality was tested for “multiness” and scalability, and Koha is not presently equipped with the scalability needed. Koha’s promised consortia developments have been delayed twice, and may be caught up in the Liblime/Koha dustup currently under way in which Liblime retains some enhancements only to their hosted users, at least for a period of time. The WALDO developments for academic libraries are going the same way, again hosted by Liblime.

Evergreen user interface is not as sophisticated as Koha, much newer and simpler, but other networks, in particular King County in Washington state, are investing to improve the staff interface.

Focusing on Evergreen – investigation and planning.

Will need a members vote at some future point to change systems.

Vote likely will be asked for in November.

Karen’s question: Focus on Evergreen samples instead of Koha? Can you send out some samples, have demos, etc.?

Ron: yes.

Grant money first phase: full-time project coordinator (9 months of funding). The position posting for the grant-funded project coordinator position is being posted shortly. The position will begin in January, but lead time will be required for posting, interviews, etc.

FY2011 Budget Overview:

MBLC Funding

MBLC Resource Sharing FY2009 for 2010, \$83,064.

24% reduction for FY2010 \$63,129.

Net loss \$19,935.

MBLC Telecomm FY2009 for 2010, \$97,636.

24% reduction for FY2010/11 \$73,227.

Net loss \$24,409

Total net loss, \$44,344 – roughly 4% of budget.

Further 9C cuts, further reductions?

Prior Year Surplus Rollover

Prior year surplus, FY2008 rolled over to subsidize FY2010, \$124,400.

Prior year surplus, FY2009 rolled over to subsidize FY2011, \$50,083.

Net loss, \$74,317.

Total Loss: \$118,661 – 12% of NOBLE budget.

Increases:

Innovative, \$7,700

Comcast Internet, \$16,000

Total: \$24,360

To avoid increase in library assessments:

Eliminated:

Cover images in catalog, \$3,100

LibraryThing catalog enhancement, \$4,800

Two part-time slots, \$10,000

Catalog enhancement, \$5,200

Capital contribution, \$60,000

One-third of part-time cataloger hours, \$12,000

Cost of living adjustment (FY10), \$15,000

Total, \$110,000

Other decreases throughout the budget.

Caveats:

Interest income used to subsidize operations for the first time ever.

May need to come back to request funds transfer during the year for the first time ever.

9C reductions this year could require further cuts for next year.

MBLC budget for FY2011 starting at 16% reduction – even less funding for NOBLE's FY2012 budget.

Overall future of state funding is a general issue.

Rollover will continue to decrease due to tight budgeting.

Paradigm-shift changes planned for FY2012 in telecommunications and possibly open source library system – may require additional staffing to achieve shift.

Major changes needed for FY2012 budget – current funding level not sustainable.

NOBLE building lease is up May 30th, 2011

FY2011 Library Assessments distributed - assumption that budget is built on: no increases in FY2011.

Handouts distributed:

NOBLE FY2011 Budget (base)

Costs Distributed Per Staff User, FY2011, Proposed

Wages, Salary, and Payroll Costs

Executive Board thanked Ron for his effort to keep library FY2011 assessments level-funded.

Executive board engaged in lengthy discussion/debate over raising FY2011 1% across the board in order to retain services such as cover images and Next Reads.

Elizabeth Thomsen joined everyone at the table to more fully explicate Next Reads usage.

1% increase? – go around table:

Yes: 9 (unanimous)

Motion to approve by Pat; seconded by Karen

EBSCO contract up on June 30th, 2010.

In a brief discussion of regional interlibrary loan services, ILL, delivery and database access were identified as the key NMRLS services. It was felt that those services should be protected from any reductions or budget cuts that may be forthcoming and that libraries needed to express that to NMRLS.

Motion to adjourn made by Karen; seconded by Lorraine.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Courtemanche