

NOBLE Executive Board Minutes – June 6, 2013

Attending: Myron Schirer-Suter, Karen Pangallo, Pat Cirone, Linda Hummel-Shea, Brian Courtemanche, Ron Gagnon, Elizabeth Thomsen, Carol Gray.

1. Meeting called to order by President Pat Cirone at 2:10 p.m. Minutes taken by Carol Gray.
2. Motion to approve minutes by Karen Pangallo. Second by Linda Hummel-Shea. Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Karen Pangallo gave the treasurer's report. Nothing unusual. On target spending. Myron Schirer-Suter asked why there was significant balance unspent in membership? No one certain why at this time. Motion by Myron Schirer-Suter to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Carol Gray. Motion approved.
4. Ron gave his Executive Director's report as distributed:

MBLC Director Search -- The search committee has been working over the past few months, interviewing five candidates in late April/May and recommending two to the Commissioners. Or at least we intended two until one of the finalists withdrew. At their meeting last week, the commissioners reiterated their desire for at least 2-3 candidates, so we will re-advertise and conduct interviews to find some additional candidates, keeping the lone finalist as a finalist in the next round.

MBLC Budget- Conference Committee for line 9506, house increased it by \$200,000 to \$2.1 million, Senate kept it at \$1.9 million.

Wowbrary Group Purchase—eight libraries, Swampscott, Wakefield, Salem, Phillips, Stoneham, Beverly, NECC, and Lynn, with Everett expected. Achieved 20% discount level, when Everett joins will hit 25% discount. Service to start on July 1, NOBLE staff have already worked with Wowbrary to set it up correctly to focus only on new books actually in stock, not just on order for libraries using acquisitions. Features are selected by harvesting ISBN's. It is based on popular items in Amazon and uses only active items.

Christian Librarians Conference – Spoke to conference at Gordon College on invitation from Myron on our Evergreen open source project and Massachusetts' networks. I shared a timeslot with speakers from Freed-Hardeman University who spoke on their migration to OCLC's Worldshare cloud ILS.

ALA Annual Conference - Elizabeth and I will be attending the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago June 27-30. We will be attending a resource sharing preconference on the 28th. I will be taking the following week off, July 4th week.

Roundtables – Had Tech Services Roundtable last Thursday and Circulation Roundtable yesterday, both well attended and much information to present in light of the new release. Not as much discussion as more presentation.

5. Discussion and vote on EBSCO Renewal and Novelist Select as recommended by ERDWG:

EBSCO package is up for renewal as it expires June 30. Ron noted that the use continues to go up. Pat reported slight problem in Beverly with EBSCO, but it was corrected and she finds they are usually on

top of things. Karen reported no problems with them. Ron reported that we have always done multiple renewals with them and this time they came back with – year 1, 0%; year 2, 2%; year 3, 2% if bundled with purchase of NovelList Select, a savings of \$9,000 over the term of the three year contract without NovelList.

Elizabeth on the training system asked people to look up titles that they would know if they were recommended were good and she surveyed all about added content. She was especially encouraged by the children’s librarians and the young adult librarians. Some errors were found but overall it was very positive. Novelist Select received highest praise from children’s librarians. Novelist will be pulled into the catalog, plus there is a stand-alone Novelist. The service will be available July 1 and it will be useful for all and great to have everyone on it.

MOTION: Karen Pangallo made the motion to approve the three year EBSCO renewal and Novelist Select as recommended by ERWG. Motion was seconded by Myron Schirer-Suter. Motion was unanimously approved.

There was some discussion about A-Z and the link resolver. Ron recommended that ERDWG revisit the issue.

6. FY 15-19 Strategic Plan: Ron had updated the Strategic Plan based on recommendations at the membership meeting. We do not need to have the FY 15 Action Plan until December 1.

MOTION: Carol Gray made the motion to accept the FY 15-19 Strategic Plan as presented by Ron. Linda Hummel-Shea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Representatives to MassLNC : The question was asked about the duties of the representative to the MassLNC Board. Ron handed out copies of the Joint Agreement dated September 24, 2012 and referred to Section 1 which explains the make -up of the MassLNC Executive Board and the role of the representatives from NOBLE. It was recommended to have staggered terms and that is up to the individual networks to decide.

MOTION: Linda Hummel-Shea made the motion that representatives to MassLNC be decided by the President of NOBLE on an annual basis. The motion was seconded by Myron Schirer-Suter and the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Evergreen update by Ron: The 2.3 release of Evergreen will take place beginning at 9 PM the evening of June 6. Equinox will do the work of the update remotely and go through the database and load the new software. The system will be up in the morning and libraries will need to have the new client. There is but one unresolved issue with the receipt printers. 2.3 will have many new acquisition improvements. One new feature is that patrons logged in can drop titles into “my list.” Kathy Lussier will be at NOBLE tomorrow to help with the new release.

Pat asked what the problem was with the receipt printers. The issue seems to be with the memory.

Elizabeth reported that development continues as regards billing items and other catalog issues. They are also looking into restoring full functionality for historical images and links out to full documents.

9. Warren Graham Security Workshop: Pat reported that Warren is a nationwide consultant for security in libraries. He is booked locally for August 19 and 20. It will be a full day workshop with a break for lunch. Cindy Roach of the MBLC is looking into funding it. Pat will send out more information as it is available.
10. There being no other business Brian Courtemanche made a motion adjourn. The motion was seconded by Karen Pangallo and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gray, Secretary Pro Tem