

NOBLE Executive Board Meeting November 13, 2013 @NOBLE

Present: Brian Courtemanche, Martha Holden, Myron Schirer-Suter, Karen Pangallo, Alan Thibeault, Linda Hummel-Shea, Pat Cirone, Ron Gagnon, Elizabeth Thomsen and Martha Driscoll.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Brian Courtemanche

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 9 meeting were distributed. A motion to approve was forwarded by Alan Thibeault and seconded by Karen Pangallo. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Karen distributed the Treasurer's Report reflecting figures as of October 31, 2013. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was forwarded by Alan Thibeault and seconded by Myron Schirer-Suter. Motion passed.

Executive Directors Report

Staff Information System – Elizabeth has implemented a complete repackaging of the Staff Information System information using a new WordPress theme.

Sort-To-Light – MLS contacted Ron to report that NOBLE libraries have achieved the 75% exterior barcode volume required for implementing sort-to-light. MLS Techs will be contacting Martha for testing.

MBLC Director – Ron has been asked to serve on the third round of the search for a new MBLC director. Most of the work will take place in late winter/early spring.

Networks and MLS – Ron attended a meeting of network administrators that included a second meeting with Greg Pronevitz and Stephen Spohn, new head of resource sharing at MLS. With the departure of April Mazza from the MBLC to MLS, the MBLC is “deemphasizing” their professional library operation, which has been waning over the past several years. This could impact their \$5,800 membership in NOBLE.

Minuteman, CLAMS and SAILS have switched to a branded Gmail to replace their email servers and services and have had good success.

Network representatives serve on the MLS' discovery platform and statewide library card programs. The discovery group will be issuing an RFI at the end of January, and the library card group held focus groups in September with a report due out shortly.

MLS is moving forward with at least two of three selected eBook vendors, Biblioboard and Baker and Taylor. Negotiations with EBL, which was acquired by ProQuest, seem to have stalled. MLS is looking at models for continued funding after pilot ends. NOBLE staff has been troubleshooting with some pilot libraries on the authentication for these products, particularly Biblioboard.

MLS is consolidating all the mediated ILL services to their office in Marlborough and has hired Sue Kaler who oversaw the contract center at the Wellesley public library.

Elizabeth and Ron attended the NELA conference in Portland, Maine, in late October. They attended two Open Source presentations. One of the sessions focused on efforts in three states, including Massachusetts. .

Action Plan, FY'15

Ron reviewed key points of the FY'15 action plan. A motion to approve the plan was forwarded by Linda Hummel-Shea and seconded by Pat Cirone. Motion passed.

Revised Borrower's Card policy

The group reviewed the revised borrower's card policy. It will provide flexibility to serve out of state patrons and created a new permission group: *public patron, out of state*. A motion to approve the policy was forwarded by Karen Pangallo and seconded by Martha Holden. Motion passed.

Telecommunication Systems

Ron reported that the lead switch in our public libraries, which handles the VLANs to segregate traffic for security, is currently end-of-life and our central site router will be in 2016. The MBLC has sent out specs indicating they will support up to 60% of equipment purchases and 40% for equipment installation. NOBLE could receive \$55,000 in funding. Ron recommends submitting an LSTA grant to the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners in March to update parts of our telecommunications network that are or soon will be end-of-life (no longer supported or eligible for maintenance). A letter of intent should be filed by 12/5/2013. The grant draft is due on February 28, with the final revision to be postmarked by April 11. This will need a membership vote at the February members meeting. A motion to approve the LSTA letter of intent was made by Martha Holden and seconded by Pat Cirone. Motion passed.

Evergreen update

Release 2.4 will be loaded during January and involves re-indexing the database. Martha is configuring a new server that will house SYRUP and should provide more flexibility than the training server where it is currently housed. Elizabeth Thomsen shared news that a new mobile catalog will be offered in the upcoming release 2.5. Mass LNC is funding the first step in development of a new staff client that will be ongoing in the next couple of years.

Martha Holden moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hummel-Shea, Secretary