

NOBLE Executive Board Meeting April 9, 2014 @NOBLE

Present: Brian Courtemanche, Patricia Rogers, Myron Schirer-Suter, Karen Pangallo, Alan Thibeault, Linda Hummel-Shea, Pat Cirone, Ron Gagnon.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Brian Courtemanche

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the March 12 meeting were distributed. A motion to approve was forwarded by Karen Pangallo and seconded by Brian Courtemanche. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Pangallo distributed the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was forwarded by Alan Thibeault and seconded by Myron Schirer-Suter. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee

Brian Courtemanche will be convening a nominating committee to nominate candidates for Secretary.

Executive Director's Report

MBLC Director Search

After a third round of posting, the MBLC Director position has not been filled. The search committee recommended tabling the effort for 6-12 months. The Commissioners plan to continue the search and will most likely repost in the near future.

Tech Expo

The Tech Expo will take place at NOBLE on Tuesday, June 10 from 10-3 with lunch provided. Morning sessions will focus on Evergreen and the afternoon will be devoted to more general topics.

Collection Assessment Reports

The monthly assessment reports on different subject areas will be reinstated in July and should take three years to complete. Reports will be more automated, aided by fields in Evergreen that segregate prefixes and field settings that allow for LC or Dewey sorting.

Conferences

Elizabeth Thomsen is attending Computers in Libraries in Washington, D.C., Beth Willis attended the Digital Commonwealth Conference at Holy Cross and Elizabeth, Beth and Christine Morgan will be attending the New England Technical Services Librarians annual conference at Holy Cross.

Employee Handbook

Ron Gagnon has asked attorney Rod Hoffman (Deutsch, Williams) for an estimate of the costs involved in updating the employee handbook which was developed in 2000.

Beverly Bank

NOBLE currently banks with Beverly Bank and the bank recently announced moving from mutual to stock. Paula Acquaviva and Ron Gagnon met with bank president, Mike Wheeler and a bank representative who assured them that the intent is not to sell our but to raise capital and grow. Nothing can happen for three years after the stock sale, and NOBLE will have the opportunity to buy stock as an account holder. Service and rates continue to be comparatively favorable

LSTA Telecomm Grant Proposal

NOBLE is seeking a switch and router upgrade grant in the amount of \$50,025 that will be matched by local funds in the amount of \$56,350. NOBLE plans to replace switches at 21 library locations and two switches in the central computer room as well as to replace the end-of-life router in the central computer room. All of the switches are a decade old and no longer supported. The nine year-old central router is a single point of failure for all NOBLE services. The plan is to replace all central managed and small switches with Cisco equipment. The membership will have the opportunity to vote prior to final approval by MBLC. A motion to support the grant proposal was made by Patricia Rogers and seconded by Alan Thibeault. Motion passed.

MBLC Network Retreat

Elizabeth Thomsen, Ron Gagnon, Alan Thibeault and Brian Courtemanche attended the retreat. There is recognition that ongoing capital is needed for network improvement however the federal grant committee is looking for projects that are more innovative. There was discussion on network funding in light of the need for less infrastructure as cloud computing allows for organized archiving of huge amounts of data and less hardware for storage on site.

Evergreen Updates

Ron Gagnon reported that release 2.5 is scheduled for June 17 and should take a couple of days. It contains numerous bug fixes and a substantial number of new features. Patrons will be able to browse by subject, author or title. Martha Driscoll will be installing a new training server and cross training staff in building the server.

Evergreen International Conference

Seven NOBLE staff attended the conference in Cambridge, MA.

Brian Courtemanche seconded by Alan Thibeault moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hummel-Shea, Secretary