

Minutes of the MARINet Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2005
Civic Center 410B

Board Members Present:

Sara Loyster, San Anselmo Library
Carol Starr, Marin County Free Library
David Dodd, San Rafael Public Library
Cathy Blumberg, Mill Valley Public Library
Mary Richardson, Sausalito Public Library
Joan Garrett, Belvedere-Tiburon Library
Frances Gordon, Larkspur Library

Also Present: Deb Moehrke, MARINet System Administrator; Bill Hale, member of the public.

- I. **Public Comment Period:** Bill Hale, library patron, spoke to the board about concerns regarding patron privacy, presenting a transaction list showing 7 pages worth of archived fines and fees on his own record. Deb Moehrke answered his question regarding retention of these records by saying that we keep records of fines and fees for approximately six months, though they occasionally go back as far as eight months. Mr. Hale left the Board with the copy of his printout, and with copies of letters regarding patron privacy he had exchanged with the American Library Association.
- II. **Introduction of Guests:** Joan Garrett was introduced as sitting in at the meeting on behalf of Deb Mazzolini.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the March 20, 2005 Board meeting were approved.
- IV. **Additions to the Agenda:** Two items were added under New Business (VI. H and I), and a report back from Library Legislative Day in Sacramento was requested under announcements.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Standing items for agenda**
 1. **Reports from Committee Liaisons-**Frances Gordon reported as liaison to Public Services Committee on their feedback on the database trials for comparable products from Gale and EBSCO. The committee recommended EBSCO on a 5-2 vote. The Board held a lengthy discussion but reached no decision, agreeing to look at the products prior to the May meeting in order to be able to come to a decision. On the topic of Webfeat vs. Metafind, no decision as yet. There is an issue with using metasearch products to search locally-owned and/or MARINet-wide databases. The committee also discussed Overdrive.
 2. **System Administrator's Report-**

- We have upgraded to Release 2000 LE. This fixes several outstanding issues, including a browser screen problem with the OPAC; a web management reports reporting problem; and some, but not all, of our e-commerce reporting problems. However, since loading LE, there have been some item display sorting problems, with the result being that the library a patron is in does not show up at the top of the sort list in the results.
- Training: San Rafael staff were trained in rapid update; Mill Valley staff received training in freeing busy records. Phil added a tutorial on how to request an item. He is working on re-doing his training program. Given that we are planning to do away with text-based serials and acquisitions modules in 2005, it would be possible for Phil to do some training on how to do these things in Millennium.
- Single-search technology: County members of the Public Services Committee came to the last meeting expecting to make a decision between the two options. However, we first need to be able to tell the vendors how we want it to work. Should it search locally-owned databases, or just MARINet databases. (Here, concerns were expressed about cost-sharing for searching databases not owned by individual libraries, and the thought was expressed that we would like to know the costs for the MARINet databases only to be searched by WebFeat and Metafind products.) Innovative is suggesting, as well, that we might want to consider using WebBridge instead of Metafind.
- Califa e-book quarterly meeting. Deb gets the sense that sometimes the prices we get through NBC (Joe Cochran's negotiations) are better than Califa will be able to obtain for database purchases. The waiting list for overdrive audiobooks is increasing, with up to 57 people waiting for the first of seven copies to become available. They'll be purchasing more copies. Overdrive is looking at developing an option for early return of materials.

B. OCLC Worldcat / State Library proposal: If the State Library's proposal regarding a statewide project for OCLC OpenWorldcat goes through, then our costs for MARINet to maintain our holdings on OCLC would go to \$4,500. We will wait and see what happens with Susan Hildreth's proposal.

C. Retirement POB Transfer. The resolution to approve transferring the total of \$10,238.64 from the budget general contingency line to the appropriate salary line and authorizing payment of the Retirement POB costs incurred by Marin County Library on behalf

of the MARINet employees was moved by Carol Starr, seconded by Mary Richardson, and voted unanimously.

VI. New Business

- A. Review of draft documents from Bib Standards Committee. The “Dolores” and “Inconsistent Practices” documents were reviewed.
- B. Selection of periodicals database vendor: At the Public Services Committee meeting, 5 libraries preferred EBSCO, 2 preferred Gale. After lengthy discussion, a decision was tabled until the next meeting.
- C. Ideas from the Innovative Public Library Directors’ symposium. Carol Starr reported on a number of items from the meeting:
 - ✓ WebOPAC Design assistance
 - ✓ Dealing individually with consortial members
 - ✓ “Well-baby checkups” for system backup
 - ✓ Patron self-registration is in development
 - ✓ A wireless workstation module is in development
- D. Board Liaisons report on Committee progress on goals.
 - 1. Frances reported on Public Services Committee: Children’s interface for MARINet web page has been backburnered—suggests carrying over to next year. Spanish interface to Web catalog too complex a project for this committee.
856 tag process—need to get agreement to add patron friendly display text instead of having the URL in the 856 tag display in the public catalog. A joint task force (with members from Bib Standards) needs to meet.
Provide input on Metafind and WebBridge—some input has been provided.
Ideas on ways to provide training and promote use of shared databases—we don’t know about what’s been done so far.
- E. Preliminary discussion of committee 05/06 goals:
 - 1. Circ. Standards committee:
 - Two more bookmarks
 - Pick two inconsistent practices to work on.
 - 2. Bib Standards committee:
 - Work on the procedural aspects of the WorldCat project
 - Pick two inconsistent practices to work on.
 - 3. Public Services Committee:
 - Work on Spanish language interface
 - Promote MARINet services to readers

It was agreed that each director would go back and discuss these goals with their staffs to see if they seem realistic.

Each committee liaison will edit / wordsmith the preliminary goals for her committee, and email to the group in advance of the next MARINet Board meeting.

F. Design of children's web interface: Tabled

G. Califa Membership dues: Tabled

VII. Announcements

Teleconnect and E-Rate need to stay on our radar.

Legislative day: Carol reported on the kickoff of the June 2006 ballot measure campaign for the next Library Construction Bond Act. Other issues raised at Leg Day included trying to restore the funds taken away from PLF; trying to get some funds put back into TBR; school library issues.

Sara announced the San Anselmo Library's children's authors symposium on Saturday.

Carol announced that MCFL is withdrawing from the Federal Government Document Depository program, in order to gain staff time and shelf space.

Minutes taken by David Dodd.