

Minutes of the MARINet Board of Directors Meeting
September 20, 2007
6 Hamilton Landing, Suite 140C, Staff room

Board Members Present:

David Dodd, Chair	San Rafael Library
Mary Richardson	Sausalito Library
Carol Starr	Marin County Library
Sara Loyster	San Anselmo Library

Board Members Absent:

Anji Brenner	Mill Valley Library
Frances Gordon	Larkspur Library
Deborah Mazzolini	Belvedere-Tiburon Library

Also Present: Deborah Moehrke, MARINet System Administrator

Guests: Jason Duran, Chair of the Circulation Standards Committee
Libby Flynn, Chair of the Bibliographic Standards Committee
Teresa Capasso, Chair of the Public Services Committee.

- I. Public Comment Period:** none
- II. Introduction of guests:** Jason Duran, Chair of the Circulation Committee; Libby Flynn, Chair of the Bibliographic Standards Committee; and Teresa Capasso, Chair of the Public Services Committee were introduced.
- III. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the August 16, 2007 Board meeting were approved with corrections.
- IV. Additions to the Agenda:** none.
- V. New Business**
 - a. Meeting with the Chairs of the MARINet Committees.
 1. David Dodd reviewed the MARINet Board Goals for 07/08 and the Brown Act requirements.
 2. Mary Richardson went over the Board Calendar.
 3. The three Committee chairs gave reports on how their respective committees plan to accomplish this year's committee goals. [The written reports are attached.] Libby suggested including the Innovative Enhancements schedule in the MARINet calendar. Jason mentioned the possibility of offering incentives to patrons who sign up for e-mail and the idea of two free holds was suggested. Teresa discussed the need for all Spanish speaking staff to help promote the Spanish language catalog. The discussion included an invitation by the Board to members of all committees to attend the vendor demonstrations of

software products that will be presented at upcoming Board meetings. The first is a demonstration of Aquabrowser and Encore on October 18 at 9:00 in Mill Valley. Staff were also encouraged to kick start the new rating system in the catalog by putting stars on titles they have read or viewed.

4. Other ideas were to create a master calendar of recommended database maintenance procedures, such as purging missing or lost and paid items. This could perhaps be a goal for 08/09.

VI. Old Business

a. Standing items

1. Reports from Committee Liaisons: no committees have met since August.
2. System Administrator's Report:
The written report is attached. Deb passed out the "sinking fund" report which shows a healthy balance of almost \$600,000 at the beginning of 07/08. Deb also got agreement from the Board to renew ProQuest at the same price as last year.
3. Items of Interest from the Minutes: none
Chair Dodd requested that the Minutes from each meeting be sent as soon as possible after the meeting.
4. Correspondence: None

b. E-Mail campaign

The bookmark "Green Looks Good" prepared by Mill Valley was discussed and it was decided the slogan was a little vague. The Board wanted it to be changed to "Go Green, Go E-mail" to make it clear that we are collecting e-mail addresses in an attempt to save time, money and trees. Otherwise, the Board liked the design. As a system, we are sending 72.74% of all notices via e-mail.

c. Link + discussion

The Board had authorized Deb Moehrke to offer Innovative \$40,000 annually (double what member libraries collectively pay annually for SuperSearch) for the MARINet consortium to add Link+. Debbie Mazzolini had said she would look into the progress of the California Catalog related to placing holds and delivering items and also investigate the possibility of arranging delivery between MARINet and San Francisco Public Library. Debbie was not at the meeting to report on her investigations, but Deb had a report on Innovative's response to MARINet's proposal. They came back with a price of between \$20,400 to \$12,000 per library depending on the number of libraries that participated. Five have to participate to get the lowest price. All members present felt the cost was still too high. In addition, there is a \$4000 annual fee due to the Link + organization. Delivery charges would add an estimated additional \$6,000 to \$10,000 annually. Mill Valley has indicated that if the rest of the MARINet libraries decide not to join Link+, they might still want to join. This would have impact on users of the catalog, who would see the button for Link+, but wouldn't be able to use it unless they lived in

Mill Valley. A task force composed of Debbie, Anji and Deb was proposed to further explore joining Link+ or another alternative to Supersearch. This will be confirmed at the next meeting.

d. Committee Structure Report

Nothing new to report at this meeting other than the mention by Loyster that San Anselmo no longer has a cataloger on staff and will not be able to send anyone to the Bibliographic Standards meetings. San Anselmo plans to outsource their cataloging to the County. The Board agreed to allow them to forgo their responsibility to send a representative to every Committee meeting, but asked that Loyster read the minutes of each Bibliographic Standards meeting to keep abreast of any new cataloging requirements.

e. MARINet Community Foundation /Dominican update

David Dodd, Mary Richardson and Gary Gorke from Dominican met with Don Jen from Marin Community Foundation on August 22 to discuss funding from MCF to enable Dominican University Library to join MARINet and to allow MARINet to add Innovative products that will improve access to the catalog by MARINet users, particularly students and those involved with lifelong learning. Don Jen listened with interest, but said MCF will be making some important decisions regarding the direction of their funding program in November and he couldn't say more until after those decisions were made.

It was noted that the Board needs to discuss issues related to Dominican joining MARINet. These include issues related to voting, committees, and meetings. It was suggested we look at other multi-type library consortium models. The question of whether College of Marin would also join MARINet is very much up in the air.

f. Announcements

Sausalito is buying lots of new DVDs which will be holdable.

San Rafael - the construction project continues.

San Anselmo pointed out a new website called Bookswim, which is like Netflix for books and costs \$20 a month.

The Board plans to take Carol Starr to lunch after the next meeting as it will be her last meeting before her retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35.

The next meeting will be October 18 at 9:00 in Mill Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Loyster