

MARINet Board Meeting

Minutes

Meeting June 18, 2009

6 Hamilton Landing, Suite 140C, Staff room

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Frances Gordon, Chair (Larkspur), Anji Brenner (Mill Valley), David Dodd (San Rafael), Gail Haar (MCFL), Sara Loyster (San Anselmo), Mary Richardson (Sausalito).

Others Present: Joan Garrett (Belvedere-Tiburon), Deborah Moehrke (MARINet System Administrator)

I. Public Comment Period

An opportunity for any citizen to address the MARINet Board on any MARINet matter. Please limit statements to 3 minutes.

No public comment.

II. Introduction of any guests.

Joan Garrett was introduced, sitting in for Deborah Mazzolini on behalf of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2009 Board meeting.

Minutes were approved as submitted. GH/AB/U

IV. Issues for future agenda

- 1 ARRA
- 2 Open Source ALA Unconference—possible local version?
- 3 Staff training opportunities

V. Old Business.

A. WorldCat and CalCat

1. Continue discussion on whether to renew access if there is no State Funding (See handout prepared by Ms. Moehrke with comparison charts for individual charges by library vs. utilizing cost-sharing formula.)

Discussion focused around the uncertainty of OCLC's arrangements with the State Library, and a decision was postponed to the July MARINet Board meeting.

Richardson will send a CALIX message following the outcome of the State Library / OCLC meeting, scheduled for June 19. **Moehrke will ask OCLC a series of questions about the ramifications of not participating, vis-à-vis our holdings appearing in CalCat or WorldCat. Dodd will ask Annette Milliron, who we believe is attending the ALA conference, to check for information while she is there.**

B. Feedback on Fine Amnesty Week

(See handout prepared by Ms. Moehrke on value of items returned during fine amnesty week.)

Discussion on the success of the amnesty week came to the general conclusion that the week was successful as a PR event, with the thought that future such events would benefit from more extensive MARINet-wide coordination and participation.

C. Re-thinking WorldBook renewal

1. Recommendations from task force re WorldBook and Spanish encyclopedia

The Board discussed the work of the Database Task Force, and voted to accept their recommendation to subscribe to World Book with the new Spanish encyclopedia as part of the package. MR/SL/U. **Gordon will email the Task Force to inform them of the Board's action and to thank them for their work on this issue.** More discussion on databases followed. It was agreed that we will bring the item back to the Board's July meeting, in order to give the Task Force direction on what they should do next in terms of proceeding with negotiation for particular databases targeted for potential consortial purchase. In the meantime, **Moehrke will ask Joe Cochrane at NBCLS to find out ballpark prices for four potential databases: Biography Resource Center, a major literary databases, Reference USA, and a live homework help provider.**

D. Re-Visit committee Structure

This item was tabled to the July MARINet Board meeting.

VI. Standing items for agenda

A. Reports from Committee Liaisons – Bib Standards met 5/28; Circ Standards met 5/28

Bib Standards: the committee met and discussed the SCAT table, which would require some changes in classification practices to be an effective tool.

Circ Standards: the committee discussed the difficulty of carrying out their goals. Discussion followed on how best to re-frame the committee's goals for the next year.

B. System Administrator's Report

Haar raised a question from her staff on MyILibrary, which may be blocking patrons who owe outstanding fines, contrary to our desired policy. A discussion ensued on how best to allow staff testing of the site without having too much checked out when we go live. Each director will find someone on staff to do some evaluation work on the product within the next week and a half.

The staff vacancy in the MARINet office will take some time to fill. There is an existing list for the classification. Moehrke will look over the set of application materials for those on the list to see if there is a suitable prospect to extra-hire until we can recruit for a permanent staff member.

C. AquaBrowser and 360 project report

Moehrke distributed a written report from project implementation consultant Diana Spaulding, noting progress made and implementation timeline for Aquabrowser.

1. 360 Authentication Question

Nothing to decide as of now, according to Moehrke.

D. Correspondence

None.

VII. New Business

A. Budget resolutions and updates

1. Modify FY 08/09 budget for higher than expected local purchases

Board approves a revision to the budget for the 6178021000 cost center in FY 2008/09 to cover unplanned purchases during the current fiscal year. The revised budget for the Cost Center 6178021000 fund 70090 will be \$54500 for both revenue and expenditures. SL/GH/U.

2. Update on FY09/10 budget coding

Board approves the revised MARINet budget for FY 2009/10 to correct totaling errors in the operating budget. The total budget for the Operating Budget (fund 70090) is \$795,355 which includes both cost centers 6178021000 and 6178011000 and the approved budget for the

Sinking Fund (Fund 70091) is \$ -59,311 as set forth in the MARINet SAP FY 2009/10 rev3 Budget. GH/SL/U

B. Select Vice-Chair / Chair elect for FY 09/10

Mary Richardson was nominated and elected unanimously. DD/GH/U

Committee liaisons were appointed as for the coming fiscal year: Mazzolini will serve as liaison to Circ Standards; Dodd to Bib Standards.

C. Discuss change of regular meeting time

The Board voted to change the regular meeting time to 9 a.m. beginning with the July meeting. AJ/GH/U

D. Review progress on FY08/09 Board Goals

The Board reviewed progress on goals. Dodd reported on progress with the Dominican University process, noting that the Marin Community Foundation will decline to fund the process of bringing Dominican into MARINet. This frees up Dominican to look for other sources of funding. The July MARINet agenda should include discussion of Dominican's application for affiliate partner membership in MARINet. **Dodd will invite Dominican's director, Gary Gorka, to the next meeting.**

E. Discuss and set if appropriate committee goals for FY 09/10

Bib Standards: We will ask the committee to set its own goals.

Circ Standards: Goal number one would be for the committee to read, understand, and implement the MARINet Manual, and identify points that require training or clarification. A second goal of the committee's choice would be set as well.

F. IUG Report

Moehrke reported that Innovative discussed a new product called Volume Holds. Information on the 2009 releases indicated that we should not install the initial release of 2009a, but rather wait for the 2009a Maintenance Release. 2009b will likely appear in early 2010, and will include new functionality and features, including the ability to make batch changes in due dates.

G. MARINet Op Ed piece on how libraries can help in these troubled times

Haar will be drafting a piece on behalf of the MCFL libraries, but it was decided that a MARINet-wide piece would be difficult to write due to varying effects of the economy on individual library members.

VIV. Announcements

Gordon noted an increase in the number of courtesy notices not being received by email. This led to a broader discussion about finding out specifics of the instances when this is occurring.

Moehrke also noted that there is likely to be a future need for a new notice printer. The suggestion was made for all potential recipients of notices via email that they should put circadmin@marinet.lib.ca.us into their email address books to prevent being flagged as spam.

Richardson noted that Sausalito has increased the library budget, due to excellent work by Board members and Friends.

Loyster noted that results of their field poll on a potential library measure brought an initial 75% positive response. They plan to move forward with a potential measure on a grassroots basis for a possible June 2010 election date on a parcel tax meant to augment, not supplant current town support, and that it would restore services that had been cut, such as hours and Children's Services.

Dodd noted that the City of San Rafael furlough days will begin on July 13, and will close the library each second Monday through FY 09-10.

Haar noted that San Geronimo Valley Library will close effective June 25.

Moehrke noted that she will be on vacation from June 30 through July 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Dodd

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