

MARINet Board Meeting
April 21, 2011, 9 a.m.
Marin Community Foundation, Oak Room, Novato, California
Draft Minutes

Present:

Debbie Mazzolini, Belvedere-Tiburon
Anji Brenner, Mill Valley
David Dodd, San Rafael
Scott Bauer, Marin County
Linda Kenton, San Anselmo
Mary Richardson, Sausalito
Frances Gordon, Larkspur
Deb Moehrke, MARINet

I. Public Comment Period- no public

II. Introduction of any guests- no guests

III. Approval of minutes

Approved minutes from March 17, 2011 Board meeting as corrected. (Richardson/Kenton)

IV. Topics for future agenda—Feed Builder

V. Old Business

A. Shared OverDrive Collection

Extensive discussion regarding the recommendations of the Database Working Group, with several major points being made:

Rapidity of change in the eBooks environment means our decisions will need to be more flexible in terms of length of contract with OverDrive, and with policy decisions regarding the shared collection.

Bel-Tib intends to keep OverDrive materials purchased up to now as a separate collection, with the possibility of rolling them in at a later date. MCFL and San Rafael intend to roll their existing collections of materials into the shared collection.

Funding for the start-up collection would come from sinking fund. Of the ongoing \$36,000, \$18K is for the platform, \$18K for materials.

The potential of a disparity of levels of purchasing materials between MCFL and smaller libraries was brought up, with the suggestion that we might need a formula to show a commitment to purchasing materials for the platform.

It was moved that the Board generally approves in principle the recommendations of the MARINet Database Working Group, dated April 12, 2011, with the following three points:

1) Contract negotiation issues regarding length of commitment have yet to be resolved; 2) Section “B” in the recommendations should be changed to reflect that Bel-Tib is not interested in the Advantage program; and 3) We need to be able to track usage of materials in the collection by home library of borrower. (Kenton/Richardson). Unanimous approval.

B. Other recommendations from the Database Working Group.

It was moved that the earlier recommendations from the MARINet Database Working Group, to wit: 1) dropping the Rand, World Books, and NetLibrary collections; 2) prioritizing Mango and Little Pim as the next databases to be added; 3) the following priorities to be Ancestry.com, and a homework help online service such as tutor.com or BrainFuse; and 4) that we contact Joe Cochrane to assist in negotiating quotes for EBSCO and comparable Gale databases as well as additional databases as appropriate. (Richardson/Bauer).

Discussion of the motion included concern expressed about dropping World Book, one of the few quality databases for children which also have a Spanish language component.

Unanimous approval.

C. Board Goals for FY 2011/2012

Following open discussion of potential goals for the coming fiscal year, the following general goals were put forward for consideration as draft goals.

1. Modernize functions and systems for improved services (e.g. printing and noticing, AirPac).
2. Promote and market new services to the public (e.g. Encore and OverDrive).
3. Emerging Technologies Working Group to plan for the future of MARINet.
4. Maintain and improve the integrity and quality of the catalog through ongoing database cleanup.
5. Consider the future of MARINet resource sharing if TBR is abolished.
6. Set policy, processes, promotion & marketing, information & training for shared collections of eBooks.
7. Increase MARINet collaborations and partnerships (e.g. Law Library, Marin History Museum library, schools, and other institutions).

D. Adoption of Budget Stability Guidelines

The "Budgetary Expectations" document was approved unanimously on a motion by Brenner with second by Gordon, as follows: "1) Accept mandatory increases without cutting into other operating costs. This would include Marin County salary adjustments, changes to staff benefits, rent changes, utility costs. 2) Expect a reasonable increase in other budget lines to cover system and network technical operations. 3) Plan for general increases to cover functional costs and allow for future development, growth, and increased resource sharing. This includes shared databases, software, catalog improvements, etc. This philosophy is to give MARINet the ability to evolve to better support our services."

E. Adoption of re-draft of membership guidelines

Tabled until next meeting.

F. Update on scoping committee recommendations

The Scoping Task Force reviewed the draft list of scopes, took out the San Rafael-wide and MCFL-wide scopes and left the others. They agreed to bring a more fleshed-out set of scopes to the Board, after explaining the scoping plan to staff and hearing any feedback.

G. Encore update

Moehrke stated that she is beginning to address questions arising from the Innovative Interfaces presentation on Encore.

1. The "book cart" will become the "book bag."
 2. A Spanish-language translation of the interface will be available.
 3. We have a verbal agreement that we will receive PathFinder Pro so that we'll be able to use our Syndetics info for seamless content linking from within Encore.
- Some staff is looking at the various skins available for implementation: "Citrus," "Pearl," or, coming sometime soon, "Cobalt," which eliminates the far right-hand (third) column.

New version, 4.1, is coming with new functionality. No firm date, just “soon.” We’ll have it as a future agenda item. Version 4.1 expands integration of other databases, at a cost; it would also include batch requesting.

A concern about the integrated image search was raised, and it will be turned off in our implementation.

Planning to go live on May 2 or 5.

VI. New Business

A. Include only shared materials in the catalog: policy

A discussion was held of the proposal to only show materials usable by all MARINet library patrons in the catalog, with the possible exception of reserve room materials. The proposal is that only shared materials should be displayed in the catalog. No motion was made.

B. IUG Report

Moehrke reported on her attendance at Innovative Users Group. She attended a pre-conference event for library consortia, which included ideas on funding and pricing models for consortia members.

She also heard about the new ILS coming in November, to be known as “Sierra.” All functionality would be retained from the current Millennium ILS, but the new ILS would move to a more open structure, using Postgres, which allows for SQL and open APIs, for increased programming capabilities. They are moving to a model of not charging for their software, but charging for the process of converting to the software. III is seeking beta partners. Telnet interface will be discontinued, as there will now be no need for it in order to allow third-party functionality such as SuperSearch, since Sierra will be NCIP compliant. III intends to continue to offer Millennium, but expect Sierra to be more attractive. **Moehrke will find out what would be involved in being an early adopter / beta tester. The decision was turned over to the Executive Committee.**

RDA implementation: our system is as ready as we can be.

Encore has a smartphone app if AirPac is owned.

Express Lane changes include a Spanish Language interface coming May 2; improvements to the buttons on the screen, and increased control over the wording used on the screens.

Bauer reported that staff who attended IUG from MCFL came away from a public libraries get-together with the impression that many public library clients are dissatisfied with the enhancements process, which they see as favoring academic library constituents.

C. Other non action items.

1. Board goals:

- q Budget goals—closed
- q Dominican goal—in process; **needs a paragraph regarding the progress**
- q Committee structure goal—met
- q Basic services—**need a paragraph regarding this at our next meeting**

VII. Standing items for the agenda

A. System Administrator’s report

Added note to written report, regarding Dominican. The goal is to start their membership at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

B. Correspondence—none.

VIII. Announcements

MCFL: Has hired Elizabeth Munoz-Rosas as Spanish Services Librarian.

Larkspur: Currently looking at their fee schedule.

Sausalito: Announcement for opening for Director should go out soon.

San Rafael: Held their One Book One Marin event—good attendance for a presentation on Ethiopia Reads.

San Anselmo: Received after-school homework help grant, will implement Tutor.com after July 1. Held annual poetry night with an overflow crowd, reception, and music.

Mill Valley: Amnesty week last week had a very good response. Lots of great programming in connection with their Centennial, including programming for First Fridays; their Experience Backpack; a new Travel lecture series; a Summer Reading Program for adults; and a centennial party in the park on July 23.

MARINet: The book exchange at IUG was very positive—took six dozen books; most of them were eagerly snatched up. Thanks to all who donated.

Bel-Tib: Working with Barnes & Nobel to circulate Nooks. Very happy with the partnership. Also, holding a program featuring Maya Sotoran, President Obama's half-sister who has a book *Ladders to the Moon*.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,
David Dodd