

MSC Executive Board members Meeting
September 4, 2013
1:00pm Conference Call

Meeting called to order at 1:00 by Honore Bray

Present: Honore Bray, Dale Alger, Ann Rutherford, Libby Wolfe, Becky Mosbacher, Amy Marchwick, Ken Adams, Melody Condron, Sarah McHugh, Debbi Kramer, and Diane Anderson

Minutes – A motion was made by Becky Mosbacher and 2nd by Libby Wolfe to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2013 MSC Executive Board Meeting. Motion carried

Discussion with OPI Sarah will try to set up a conference call with Dennis before the meeting. Dennis has agreed to come for an open discussion and has been invited to join the membership at lunch allowing him and school representatives an opportunity to network in support of the proposal for additional MSC support personnel. Discussions re: additional staffing are reflected in several MSC meetings and Fall Meeting documents will summarize impact new staffing would have on the proposed budget if adopted.

Membership Meeting Overview – Ken reviewed the MSC Fall Meeting agenda with Board members. Discussion centered around the number of topics included on the agenda which raised a concern that some agenda topics might take more time than allotted on the agenda. Sarah proposed that the NetLibrary update be tabled until the Spring Meeting. Honore informed the Board members that Jack Albrecht was the only applicant for the Western-at-large seat and Libby proposed that the Board members check the by-laws to see if Jack could be appointed to fill the vacant seat. Becky checked the by-laws and affirmed that the Board members had the power to do so. Dale motioned to accept Jack Albrecht at the Western-at-Large representative. Motion was seconded by Libby and affirmed by the Board members. Honore will notify Jack. Sarah recommended that more time be allotted for the WMS Pilot update and proposed agenda topics and times were amended accordingly.

Birds of a Feather dinner information needs to be submitted to Ken for posting.

Implementation Plan for Enterprise – Ken said we are close to implementation pending SirsiDynix resolution of a couple of issues. He has been working at SirsiDynix headquarters with consultants to resolve issues with style sheets and Hold button in Sharing Groups. Ken hopes to have Enterprise templates ready for single libraries, schools, special libraries, academics and the four separate sharing groups. Rollout is projected for October if all profiles have been created. Honore shared that Elizabeth Jonkel and the MPL staff could help with the rollout. Melody and Ken agreed that a “team approach” as proposed by MPL might be helpful down the road. Sarah said collaboration with Cara Orban re: DiscoverIt and Montana2Go/Enterprise audio recordings is important and she is excited about the implementation. Ken cracked the code facilitating the DiscoverIt integration in the new interface which is a significant achievement.

RDA Cataloging Workshop at MLA – Allison Badger submitted a request to MSC Executive Board to consider a small financial contribution to help underwrite an MLA RDA Cataloging and Copy cataloging workshop session by Deborah Fritz. Due to proposed staffing proposal to the MSC Membership in September, the Board declined the proposal.

Budget Updates sent out by Ken – Ken shared the Budget proposal and invoice totals that demonstrate the impact with and without a new MSC support position. The Board members reviewed the spreadsheet and recommended some changes that simplified the format making it easier to compare the cost differences. Becky stated that the impact on small schools would be significant. Adding additional libraries would allow MSC to share the cost(s) and it was noted that the largest pool of new libraries would be schools. Sarah said the addition of new libraries would lessen the impact of the budget increases in the short term but over the long term costs would continue to rise due to the myriad of policies and levels of support. Becky suggested that Melody and Amy review “best practices” within MSC to see if things could be more standardized reducing costs. Honore noted that Public Libraries pay for specific products in addition to their MSC costs. Discussion centered around the needs of different libraries and recognition that this is a shared catalog for all Montanans. Melody noted impact of reduction of Home Locations and Item types has been positive. Libby noted that only two special libraries circulate, the rest don’t. Board members agree that this is a complex issue but Sarah suggested that we “think big” to find solutions.

Strategic Plan – Honore, Dale and Libby recommended that the Strategic Plan be pulled from the agenda as the Board members recognized that it needs further discussion and modification. It was recommended that it be tabled until the MSC Spring Meeting to allow sufficient time for membership review and discussion.

Next Meeting

September 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM, Lewis and Clark Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM