

MARINet Board
Minutes June 16, 2011
San Anselmo Library, History Museum
110 Tunstead Avenue, San Anselmo
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Present:

Debbie Mazzolini, Belvedere-Tiburon
Frances Gordon, Larkspur
Gail Haar, Marin County
Anji Brenner, Mill Valley
Linda Kenton, San Anselmo
David Dodd, San Rafael
Mary Richardson, Sausalito
Gary Gorka, Dominican University
Deb Moehrke, MARINet

- I. **Public Comment Period** – no public comment
- II. **Introduction of any guests** – no guests
- III. **Approval of minutes from May 19, 2011 meeting**
Minutes approved. **M/ Gordon/Haar**
- IV. **Topics for future agenda**
 - A. Feed Builder – Deb Moehrke commented that MCFL wanted to put RSS feeds on their new website. She is waiting for them to investigate available products before this needs to come before the Board.
 - B. Clarifying Dominican's questions about the integration of their materials into the MARINet catalog (for July agenda – there will be no August meeting).

V. Old Business

A. Shared Overdrive collection update (action)

Deb Moehrke handed out a report outlining the plans for implementing the shared OverDrive collection. Key highlights of the report addressed:

- *holds management* – 5 holds will trigger a title purchase – titles will not exceed 8 copies;
- *Opening day collection* – the initial collection will consist of the currently owned titles from MCFL and SRPL;
- *Selection process* – \$18,000 will be invested - \$9,000 to fill holds and the other \$9,000 will be distributed among the libraries according to the cost-sharing formula. \$30K-\$50K will be transferred from MARINet's sinking fund for FY 2011-12. Gail Haar recommended that the selection process begin immediately to have a collection sized appropriately to be able to meet the needs on opening day.

The Board asked questions about specific committee recommendations. Gary Gorka mentioned Dominican University was interested in purchasing documentary films on demand. The big question is whether or not staff can identify which library jurisdiction the requests are coming from. Anji Brenner expressed concern over the committee's recommendation to boycott HarperCollins titles, especially if they are the only publisher providing a requested title. **The Board discussed this issue in detail and agreed to delete the restriction "no HarperCollins". The Board also agreed to replace the wording "unabridged titles only" with the phrase, "the preference is to purchase unabridged, over abridged".** Anji recommended changing the budget amount for publicity, and use the following text: **"spend up to 5K on marketing". The Board voted (M/Kenton/Haar) to accept the recommended changes.**

B. Adoption of re-draft of membership guideline (action)

Anji presented a re-draft of the *"Membership Guidelines"* to better address the array of issues around restricted materials in the catalog. **Debbie recommended that the Board continue this discussion at the July board meeting.**

C. Discussion on policy of shared materials in the catalog (action)

The Board continued their discussion on what the policy should be for managing system-wide vs. locally-owned, non-sharable items. The main goal has been to alleviate patron confusion and to work toward serving our patrons in the best way possible. There are too many exceptions with the new formats. Debbie mentioned that Belvedere-Tiburon Library would suppress their new Nook readers. **The Board agreed that they should continue this discussion, and try to keep the restrictions general.** Anji suggested they identify a list of specific issues. Deb suggested the Board include in their discussion whether or not they want to include in the catalog links to titles not actually owned or licensed by MARINet members. For example, she reported that National Academies Press is now offering access to its eBooks for free and suggested MARINet might want to offer a link to some titles. **No decision was reached.** The question on the table was whether or not MARINet wanted to be a union catalog or a shared catalog.

Deb recommended this be a policy-level decision for the Board to discuss further. **Gail commented that this issue should fit into one of the Board's goals for FY 2011-12. Debbie recommended that this discussion come back on the July agenda. Anji again recommended that the Directors bring a list of issues/concerns to discuss at the next meeting.**

D. Update on Dominican integration

Gary reported that Innovative Interfaces has not yet set a specific migration date to integrate Dominican's collection into the MARINet catalog. He reported that 85% of their collection is unique and about 15% of the titles will overlap. He also mentioned that Dominican is a member of *"Camino"*, an academic consortium, consisting of 8 libraries. Gary asked the Board about marketing Dominican's

partnership with MARINet to the public. **Debbie recommended a continued discussion on “Dominican’s membership to MARINet” be put on the July agenda.**

VI. New Business

A. Elect Board Vice Chair for FY11/12

The Board conducted an election for Vice Chair – Linda Kenton was selected – **M/Dodd/Gordon**

B. Effects on MARINet of complete cut of state funding

David Dodd reported that he attended a recent NorthNet meeting to discuss the option of disbanding NorthNet all together, or to keep it staffed at 50%. The approved current budget eliminated key staff. A September meeting is scheduled to make a final decision. David recommended that the Board work on a new legislation to advocate for resource sharing if CLSA is restructured. **Anji recommended a future agenda item “Delivery without NorthNet.”**

C. End of year budget action/ resolution

The Board unanimously agreed to pass a resolution to “commit the entire fund balance of the Sinking Fund, as of 6-30-2011, to system upgrades or replacement. **M/Brenner/Dodd**

D. Sierra early-adopter proposal from III

Innovative will begin moving customers to their new Sierra architecture as soon as November 2011. Deb reported on the pros and cons of the structure of the Sierra Architecture. She highlighted some great features such as: new architecture won't create busy records; sierra is built on standard data structures so that libraries with technical staff can build their own reports or products with hooks to the data. She also explained the “INN appreciation” points program. Gail mentioned moving to an Open Source product as an alternative to adopting Innovative's new product. Deb said that the open source products are developing but lack the degree of sophistication of the Innovative product in areas such as holds management and acquisitions. She suggested Board should draw up a detailed list of software capabilities MARINet requires and compare that to open source to know both what is possible and what is not. David reported that Northern California Libraries are exploring functional aspects of other open source systems and had concerns of continuing with Innovative products. Of concern is the amount of disruption/impact Sierra will have on staff. **Anji made a motion to become an early adopter of the Sierra software (M/Brenner/Kenton). David asked Deb to contact SNAP Libraries, to see if MARINet can participate with them on their project to develop a functional requirements document.**

E. Other non action items

There were none.

VII. Standing Items for the agenda

A. System Administrator's report

Frances Gordon asked Deb to clarify what the implications would mean if the YTDCIRC and LYRCIRC were changed to represent fiscal year statistics rather than calendar year. **The Board discussed these implications and authorized Deb to make the changes.** Deb commented that in-house collection maintenance during the 18 months would be the only impact. **The Board agreed to let Deb make this change on June 30th.**

B. Correspondence - none

VIII. Announcements

Gail (MCFL) – reported the County would be filling 2 job positions; the County will buy 36 color nooks to check out to patrons.

Deb (MARINet) – she will be attending ALA to investigate what is new;

Linda (SAN) – Lois is retiring; SAN will be filling two positions, Summer Reading Program is in full swing;

Anji (MVY) – Dominican student is doing an Internship; purchased 6 Nooks with Foundation funding; Centennial events include: a MVY literary journal; June 3rd story slam; picnic in park birthday party; games from 1911; other news: backpack experience for checkout is popular.

Mary (SAU) –only a few applications received so far for the Library Director position

11:55 adjourned

Respectfully submitted, by Frances Gordon