MORE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2015

Present: Committee members Joe Niese, Chair (CF); Hollis Helmeci, Vice-chair (LA), Ginny Julson (BO), John Thompson (IFLS), James Nalen, Secretary (AM) attended by GoTo Meeting; and Lori Roholt (MORE). Also attending: Kathy Setter (MORE).

Niese called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
A quorum was established.
Open meeting law compliance was established.

Helmeci moved to approve the agenda. Julson seconded. Motion carried.

Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2015 Executive committee meeting. Julson seconded. Motion carried.

New Business
IUG Conference attendance planning
The IUG (Innovative Users Group) Conference is for library staff that use Innovative Interfaces software. The main conference is March 16-18, 2016 in San Francisco. Typically MORE send MORE staff plus several staff from MORE member libraries. This year Kathy Setter and Bridget Krejci will be attending; we have funds for up to 3 library staff to also attend. Roholt asked for feedback on the process for selecting those who will attend. Last year with the conference in Minneapolis everyone who was interested went. In past years there was an application process with questions about involvement with MORE, why they should be selected and if they've attended IUG in the past.
Helmeci asked how the answers are used in the selection process. Roholt explained that favor is given to those that are active in the consortium with things like committee participation and we prefer to those who haven't gone a chance to attend. Helmeci suggested adding a question on how they would share the information they learned afterwards; since the consortium is funding attendance everyone should share in the knowledge gained.
There was consensus that the MORE staff can determine who is selected to go. Roholt will send the application out next week with a deadline of December 21st.

Discovery Layer Investigation
The Discovery Layer is the online public interface of a library catalog. Currently we use Encore from our ILS vendor Innovative. We have a 3 year subscription contract with them for Encore that expires in February of 2017. We need to determine what we want to do about a Discovery Layer in time for the 2017 budget which is determined in June/July of 2016. Our current costs for Encore are $38,000 per year for the software and $12,000 per year for hosting services.
There are several options. Question asked if we could drop the Discovery Layer and just use the classic catalog. Yes, that is an option; the classic catalog will always be there. With the issues MORE is having with slowness in Encore few people have the patience to use it and wait for results. The slowness seems to be related with having it hosted, with the server in California and our Sierra server here at CVTC. Results are inconsistent, but geographic distance is thought to be most of the cause. Question about the possibility of changed from hosted to owning the server and having it locally. That would be possible but there would be some cost involved for the change.
Thompson suggested forming a task force to look into the options for a Discovery Layer – keep Encore, drop a Discovery Layer altogether, or choose a different Discovery Layer. Ebsco Discovery Service is a

possibility. We own other products with Ebsco and that would give us more favorable pricing. Suggestion that we ask library staff what they want in a Discovery Layer, then take that information to vendors asking how they can meet the things on the list. Also ask for references of other library consortia that use their product.

First step is to form the task force. Ten to twelve members, consisting of directors and staff, representing different size libraries to cover all interests. The task force can start by gathering the information on what is wanted.

MORE staff can shorten the list of possible vendors by eliminating open source (we don't have the staff to support it) and those that are vendor specific. Gus Falkenberg can consult with the task force on technical issues and Maureen Welch can help with the facets of database integration. Helmici will be the representative from the Exec committee; Niese also volunteered to help.

Roholt will send out a call for volunteers and get things started. She will include a survey on desirable Discovery Layer features. We will need some kind of number for the budget but the final decision does not necessarily need to be made by then. Setter volunteered to help with the task force and facilitate vendor demos when that is needed. Setter will talk to likely vendors and pick up information for the task force at ALA Midwinter.

Thompson made a motion to adjourn; Helmici seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:43 pm.

Kathy Setter
Recorder