

MORE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 06, 2016

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

Niese called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

A quorum was established.

Open meeting law compliance was established.

Thompson moved to approve the agenda. Helmecci seconded. Motion carried.

Julson moved to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2016 Executive Committee meeting. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

MORE Operations Committee Meeting:

Niese reported that the Operations Committee is planning to meet in early June. An update will follow that meeting.

MORE Loan Rules Subcommittee Meeting:

Helmecci noted that the Loan Rules Subcommittee met and discussed setting parameters and a more formal exploration of loan rules. They plan to contact other systems to see how a shift in loan rules would work. Minutes of the meeting were provided. A side discussion of the committee was about fines versus no fines. The committee will meet again on June 21st. It is hoped a recommendation will come out of the June meeting and given to the MORE Directors Council.

MORE Discovery Layer Meeting:

Minutes of the April 25 MORE Discovery Layer Committee were provided. Helmecci noted that the committee eliminated the products that wouldn't work. Some products are expensive and cost prohibitive. The committee narrowed down the products to Ebsco and BiblioCommons.

Roholt noted that the focus is on bringing up article search results as well as catalog results. Users are expecting to see the traditional library holdings.

The committee is researching the costs and obtaining additional information yet. No decision has been made yet.

It was noted that Gus Falkenberg presented a demo on VuFind. There would be an initial cost upfront of approximately \$25,000 a year as there is a lot of coding, etc. There would also be an ongoing cost for updating which should be minimal. VuFind is an open source product that Falkenberg could customize for us.

Ebsco is a lower cost than VuFind, but it is a bit more cobbled together and is not a seamless experience for users. The cost is under \$20,000 a year.

BiblioCommons would cost \$40,000 a year in addition to the one-time start-up cost.

Encore Hosting Arrangement:

Roholt noted that MORE has gone back in addressing the Encore speeds for a year. Moving the server to Innovative's other site did not help much with the speed. The next attempt to improve speeds would be to move to local hosting. MORE would need to make the switch to local hosting AND see a speed improvement for Encore to be a viable option for 2017 and beyond. MORE was initially quoted a cost of \$8,200 to move it locally but Innovative has recently agreed to waive that charge for us.

MORE has the capacity to host locally through the CVTC Host Center. Roholt thought we need to try it out, even if just for the last few months of the current subscription to see if speed improves. It was noted that other libraries that hosted Encore locally, speeds are much better.

2017 Budget Process:

Roholt was hoping for feedback from the MORE Executive Committee about the budget process and if they want to see things differently this year.

In the past, the Directors Council saw a budget preview at their May meeting. This included taking the existing budget spreadsheet and updating the numbers to give the Council a rough idea of the numbers. Roholt would take suggestions for new product quotes and firm up the cost estimates in the budget. Everyone was invited to the budget hearing to provide input and further suggestions. After the budget hearing, the Executive Committee meets to craft a budget to recommend approval by the Directors Council in July. Roholt inquired if the committee had suggestions for improving or adjusting the current budget process.

The committee was in agreement that the procedure was easy enough to follow and they are used to it. The only suggestion was to hide line items that were deleted in 2014.

There was some discussion of Overdrive and magazines and if it is not taken on at the state level, are there systems that would want to band together for a subscription service. Thompson stated WPLC is meeting next week and there will be some discussion.

There has also been some discussion whether to increase the e-content buying pool amount at the state level as well. The cost per library would not be that great and would vary on circulation numbers, etc.

Roholt was approached by one vendor asking if MORE would like to revisit Boopsy. MORE considered this two years ago. Boopsy builds mobile online apps for libraries.

Roholt will ask in *This Week at More* about additional products to explore.

Directors Council Meeting – Recording or Broadcasting Options:

Roholt received a suggestion to record and broadcast the MORE Directors Council meetings for those who cannot attend.

Because of the large size of the group, participants at the meeting would need to be miked-up with a minimum of one mike per table. This would only allow an audio capability, not visual.

It was thought this would pose severe logistical challenges for the meetings. It could be used for an emergency situation, but not as a substitute for attending and participating at meetings.

The committee was having difficulty seeing how this would benefit MORE and the Directors.

Thompson noted the request was received shortly before the last Directors Council meeting. If the Directors Council wants to pursue broadcasting options, it would have to be paid for entirely through MORE.

Helmeci moved that due to the cost and logistics it is not practical to record/broadcast the MORE Directors Council meetings and feels in-person conversation at the meetings is the most effective communication. Nalen seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Thompson made a motion to adjourn; Julson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.

Joanne Gardner
Recorder