

MORE Executive Committee

Friday, March 01, 2019

Present: Krissa Coleman (RO); Rob Ankarlo (CU); John Thompson (IFLS).

Also Present: Lori Roholt (MORE), Kathy Setter (MORE), Bridget Krejci (MORE).

Coleman (RO) called the meeting to order at 10:13 am. A quorum was established. Compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

Ankarlo (CU) moved to approve the agenda. Thompson (IFLS) seconded. Motion carried.

Thompson (IFLS) moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2018. Ankarlo (CU) seconded. Motion carried.

INNOVATIVE USERS GROUP CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS:

A call was put for MORE staff to apply for a conference scholarship for the Innovative Users Group (IUG) conference in Phoenix, Arizona from May 6-8th. There is room to send Kathy Setter, Bridget Krejci, and Lori Roholt. This leaves room for three library staff to attend. Sue Christianson (Barron) and Joleen Sterk (Menomonie) submitted applications and both were considered strong candidates. There is space available for a third member to attend; or alternatively, just the two could be sent. If the third person cannot attend, the funds would go into carryover, Next year the IUG Conference will be in Minneapolis. The last time it was held there, twenty-some attended at least a day and MORE subsidized a lot of those attendees. Rob Ankarlo (CU) will check his schedule to see if he could fill the third spot.

Thompson (IFLS) moved to accept the two candidates and Ankarlo for the IUG Scholarships. Coleman seconded. Motion carried.

DISCOVERY PLATFORM FOR 2020:

Roholt noted that the Encore three-year subscription for the discovery platform is up at the end of February 2020. Roholt is looking to approve a discovery platform with 2020 budget approval in July of 2019. The last time the discovery platform came up; the recommendation was to remain with Encore for the three-year subscription.

Roholt noted that we do not need to enter into a multi-year subscription. Although, a one-year subscription will cost a little more. Innovative is developing and plans to release a new discovery platform this year. The vendor has offered an online demo on this new discovery product. It will also likely be featured at the upcoming IUG Conference. Roholt hasn't seen this product in action; just a static view.

There are other vendors we could use for the discovery layer. Roholt is interested in BiblioCommons and exploring other products. Roholt inquired how to proceed with investigations and whether a committee should be convened or try to do within the Executive Committee. Then the information could be presented at the Directors Council and they can make the decision.

Thompson noted that the Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) workgroup is recommending a statewide discovery layer. The intent is to connect with every ILS within the public library sector. The timeframe for this to happen is unknown and won't be within a years' time.

A question is, do we stick with what we know with our current product; completely change product; or jump on the new Innovative product.

Setter likes the Discovery platform and what she has seen so far. It appears very user centric.

Thompson noted that by July, we will need a budget placeholder for the discovery platform, even though the product may not be decided yet. The first action would be for the Executive Committee to indicate they recommend continuance of a discovery platform in the 2020 budget. Secondly, a decision would need to be made if the Directors Council may want to change from the current platform. If so, would they opt for a committee to form and investigate or stay with the Executive Committee.

Coleman (RO) suggested that those going to the IUG Conference should bring back their thoughts and see if it is worth pursuing the new Innovative discovery platform. Setter noted that a rep could do a demo anytime and those interested could dial in. Roholt thought that would be helpful to do before the IUG Conference. Getting pricing on Discovery would help with the investigations as well.

LIBRARY APPS:

Roholt questioned if it was time to investigate a library app again. Roholt noted there is no promising leads vendor-wise. A vendor did mention that BiblioCommons has the most promising library app on the market; but it is not a stand-alone product and you must use their discovery product.

Thompson (IFLS) moved to have Setter explore Library Apps at the ALA Annual Conference and at the IUG Conference and report to the MORE Executive Committee if an allocation of the MORE budget should be made for a library app. Coleman (RO) seconded. Motion carried.

ONLINE PATRON REGISTRATION:

The Online Patron Registration Policy was recommended to the MORE Directors Council by the MORE Executive Committee on November 2, 2018. It was sent back to

the MORE Operations Committee for revision and now back to the MORE Executive Committee.

The policy notes that patrons may register for a MORE library account online for access to non-physical electronic resources. Access via a system-generated barcode number will be granted when the registration form is submitted. These patrons' records will have a distinct patron type code and a home library of "MORE."

The Operations Committee added "email address" as a required field so we have a way to contact these patrons.

It was also noted the Directors Council will determine the resources to which these patrons have access.

Language was also provided to make a reasonable effort to delete duplicate records.

Roholt believes the MORE Operations Committee captured the concerns from the Directors Council. After review, it was suggested to make clear which resources patrons would have access to by adding "MORE-funded electronic resources."

Thompson (IFLS) to recommend the Online Patron Registration Policy to the MORE Directors Council as amended; Coleman (RO) seconds. Motion carried.

OTHER:

Thompson (IFLS) suggested cancelling the May Executive Committee meeting because of the conference during that time. Coleman (RO) agreed; unless something would come up requiring the committee to meet.

With all the recent snow, the parking spaces at IFLS have become limited and it was suggested that the MORE DC may want to meet elsewhere for the March meeting. Roholt will look into other meeting location options.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

Recorder: Joanne Gardner