## MORE Executive Committee meeting information

September 3, 2021

## **New Business:**

6. Timeline for CVTC to re-join MORE

CVTC has agreed to pay a MORE start-up fee of \$40,500 by December 31, 2021. CVTC will also be responsible for migration costs charged by Innovative. Their planned go-live date is July 1, 2022.

## 7. Consider moving November Directors Council meeting

The standard 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday meeting date for Directors Council's November meeting is also the last day of the WLA Conference. The November Directors Council meeting includes officer elections for the coming year. While scheduling meetings is officially under the MORE Chair's purview, advice about rescheduling the November meeting is welcome.

## 8. Discussion on meeting formats: in-person, virtual, or hybrid

Twenty-eight directors responded to a poll in June about meeting style preferences:

Beginning in September 2021 and beyond, if MORE Directors Council meetings can be attended either in-person or remotely/online, how do you expect to attend? <sup>28 responses</sup>



Comments from the poll:

• I appreciate the idea of a hybrid meeting- Zoom for me is obviously way more convenient- but I'm worried about what this looks like. Right now we're doing in person and Zoom for board meetings and the people on Zoom sometimes seem like they miss some of the stuff going on in the room. I'm just using a laptop set on the table, so maybe if there were a bigger screen or a better camera capturing the in person people this wouldn't be an issue. I know the IFLS board is doing Zoom meetings through the winter and in person in summer (or so I've been told), would this be an option? Maybe to alternate between virtual and in person?

- I really appreciate having the option to attend online. It saves gas and about 2 hours of travel time for me, and I love the flexibility zoom offers.
- Because of the traveling time, the remote/online option would be great.
- I would love to get together in person again but understand not everyone will. I would like the option to have a hybrid (in person and on line) available to all. Thank you for all your work Lori!
- I really like the idea of dual options for attending.
- Thank you for continuing online attendance to the meetings. This makes it so much easier to attend the meetings.
- I'd probably attend just a few a year in-person.
- I have really missed in person meetings but, Zoom has been going better then I expected they would. If using Zoom makes the meetings more accessible to people I would be ok with that too.
- Is there any plans to require masks and/or social distance?
- I think a Hybrid option would be great and allow us a little more flexibility, especially for libraries who are not within regular commuting distance of Eau Claire. Even being only 30 minutes away, due to my library's hours, I often would take the remainder of my day Unpaid, simply because it wasn't feasible to carpool to the meeting and THEN go to work.
- Either in person or online is fine with me.
- Having the option to do in-person or online would be great!
- Curious, If by Zoom, will we be on a large screen? or just by audio?
- It was nice to meet using Zoom; but there is something to be said about how much greater the communication is between groups of people that meet in person.
- While I value the in-person meeting option, I might be inclined to take advantage of a remote/online option due to the demands of our building project. Also depends on Covid-19 variants and how that whole situation looks in the fall/winter.
- Time saving and money saving to do remote but also good to get away and actually be together in person
- I think it is important to always have a virtual option (if available).
- I have not been able to attend in-person Council meetings in the past due to drive-time, staffing and programming. Virtual meetings have solved these issues for me and allow me to attend regularly.

CVTC's Energy Education Center, where MORE Directors Council had planned to hold in-person meetings, is not currently equipped to host a hybrid meeting, with some attendees in-person and some online. They are working toward that goal and expect to have necessary equipment in late October.