

MINUTES
MORE Executive Committee
Friday, March 5, 2021

Present/Attending: Shelly Rae (SA), Katherine Elchert (RL), Samma Johnson (CA), Pamela Westby (EC), John Thompson (IFLS).

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Kathy Setter, Bridget Krejci, Joanne Gardner.

CALL TO ORDER:

Rae (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

A quorum was established.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW:

Compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Westby (EC) moved to approve the agenda. Elchert (RL) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Elchert moved to approve the minutes dated February 5, 2021. Johnson (CA) seconded. Motion carried.

MORE BYLAWS REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

This group discussed and has recommended some revisions to the MORE bylaws. The bylaws were emailed out to all directors of MORE. Bylaws must be distributed 45 days before being voted on by the Directors Council. They can be discussed at the March Directors Council meeting and voted on in May.

MORE has implemented a new procedure for adding items to the Directors Council agendas. This includes a new form and calendar for meetings and deadlines. This information is located at the top of the MORE Committees webpage. The procedural change is that the MORE Executive Committee will consider everything before the upcoming Directors Council meetings.

Roholt inquired if it should be discussed at the March Directors Council meeting. Johnson (CA) felt it would be important to explain how and why this procedural change is being made.

The committee did discuss that some items will not require two meetings to vote on. Westby (EC) suggested that the threshold recommended be upped from 80% to 90%. This ensures transparency and that their voice and opinions. Roholt noted that if the percentage threshold is changed from 80% to 90%, if Eau Claire voted no on an agenda item, it would not proceed. Sometimes perception could steer the group. After discussing, the Committee agreed on leaving the recommendation at 80%. A brief paragraph noting why the change was recommended will be provided to the MORE Directors Council.

The Committee appreciated the addition of including an informational sheet for meetings which provides information of why items are being discussed and recommended.

PROCEDURE CHANGE FOR MORE DIRECTORS COUNCIL AGENGA ITEMS:

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) expressed concern to Roholt about prolonging the process for items to be addressed with the proposed procedure change to add items to agendas. Johnson (CA) noted that this change helps the Executive Committee prepare for items to be discussed and possibly voted on. Thompson added that it provides the ability for all MORE directors to run the items past other staff or committees. In essence, it actually saves time and directors are more aware of items up for consideration. Westby (EC) noted that the purpose was not to give power to the Executive Committee but help in organizing the agenda and making the best use of time. If additional data needs to be collected, the Executive Committee may identify and work with IFLS to provide the needed data to help inform the directors in their decision-making.

Rae (SA) conveyed the information to Furo-Bonnstetter. Roholt will include in the Administrator's Report for March as an informational item on the procedural change.

LOCAL BUDGET DISCUSSION FOR MORE DIRECTORS COUNCIL:

The committee agreed that local budget discussions was not something that would need to come to the MORE Directors Council. It was suggested that discussing budgets could be done separately and a good topic of discussion for director check-ins. Elchert (RL) will forward this recommendation to Leah Langby.

CENTRALIZED CATALOGING (CABS) PROGRAM:

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) requested this agenda item for libraries that have trained cataloging staff to not burden them with the cost of CABS. Roholt noted that the MORE Bibliographic Records and Standards (Bib) Committee is meeting on March 12 and evaluation of the CABS service is on their agenda. It was agreed that Roholt will include in her Administrator's Report that the Bib Committee will be evaluating CABS and will report to the Directors Council in May.

LIBRARY APP PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION:

The MORE App Subcommittee met in February and hopes to make a recommendation with Directors Council for BiblioApps. The bulk of the conversation was focused on two app products: BiblioApps and Innovative Mobile App. Once purchase of the library app is added to the Directors Council agenda, Elchert (RL) will email out informational demos on both products. She will also include price information.

Elchert (RL) noted that each app is based on different pricing structures. BiblioApps has an annual fee, and an optional self-checkout feature which would include all libraries. Innovative Mobile App has a higher annual fee. Each library would be charged for individual branding and self-checkout. Elchert (RL) added that both Apps allow patrons to go from their account to OverDrive and Libby. They do not integrate Flipster or Freading.

Westby (EC) inquired about funding for the library app. Elchert (RL) noted that there are funds reserved for a library app that would cover 2021 for BiblioApps. It would also provide a seamless transition for patrons.

Discussion of the Library App Purchase Recommendation will be added to the March Directors Council agenda. Roholt will add some examples to the information Elchert (RL) provided on the apps for the March meeting. Following the March Directors Council meeting, directors and library staff can review the apps and information provided.

UNIFIED MORE CIRCULATION POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

Roholt noted that a long-term project of the MORE Operations Committee has been to develop a MORE Circulation Policy. The policy codifies current practice and can be used as a starting point for future modifications. This recommendation could be discussed at the MORE Directors Council meeting in March.

Roholt inquired if the Executive Committee was ready to send the policy to the MORE Directors Council or if it should go back to the MORE Operations Committee for things to reconsider.

The Unified MORE Circulation Policy recommendation will be on the March Directors Council meeting for discussion. The accompanying background information will be provided to the Directors Council.

ADJOURN:

Johnson (CA) moved to adjourn at 11:47 am. Elchert (RL) seconded. Motion carried.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder