

MINUTES
MORE Executive Committee
Friday, May 06, 2022

Present/Attending: Katherine Elchert (RL), Samma Johnson (CA), John Thompson (IFLS).

Also Present: Tiffany Meyer (EL) Lori Roholt, Bridget Krejci, Joanne Gardner.

Absent: Shelly Rae (SA), Allison Lutz (TL).

CALL TO ORDER:

Elchert (RL) called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Elchert (RL) established a quorum by roll call vote.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW:

Certification of compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Thompson (IFLS) moved to approve the agenda. Johnson (CA) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Elchert (RL) moved to approve the minutes dated February 4, 2022. Johnson (CA) seconded. Motion carried.

2023 MORE BUDGET PREVIEW:

Roholt noted that discussing the 2023 MORE budget preview today will start the official MORE budget season. This preliminary 2023 budget will be shared at the May Directors Council meeting as well. It includes leaving services as they are and incorporate expected cost increases. Innovative includes the known 4% increase.

Roholt will provide a separate document including information for possible new products. Directors can review this information and Roholt will take suggestions for other ideas to gather information about. Roholt will have information about other ideas before the June 17th budget hearing date.

Roholt welcomed suggestions for ways to present the budget and supporting documents to make them easier to understand. There will be a handful of new directors who will be going through the budget process for MORE.

Roholt noted that the IFLS management charge and the database quality control (cataloging services) line will be combined. It was helpful earlier to keep the lines separate, but now they are being combined so there is an understanding of the costs for services provided by IFLS and MORE.

Johnson (CA) inquired if there would be discussions about CABS. Thompson noted that most systems provide some level of the service. In addition, the state is looking into a pilot project. Roholt has not heard from libraries about the service.

Johnson (CA) asked about delivery issues. Roholt noted that delivery costs are not part of the MORE budget and instead come from the IFLS budget. Thompson noted there are few to no options for vendors. IFLS cannot run delivery ourselves without decimating all other services. Gail Spindler and Katelyn Noack are looking into ways to help with the workflow and a recent study gathered the volume of materials being delivered.

Elchert (RL) inquired if all MORE meetings will continue to be held virtually. Although Elchert misses seeing everyone in person, the virtual meetings have a jump in the participation. Elchert further noted that hybrid meetings are difficult to make successful. Roholt noted that the June budget hearing and July budget approval meetings will be held in person with the option to attendees to participate virtually as well.

Roholt wanted to inquire about possible new products for the 2023 MORE budget. Su Leslie (SC) suggested Niche Academy. The proposal would be for one systemwide subscription for all libraries and could be used for MORE training and public facing materials. Currently, some libraries pay for individual subscriptions. Within the past six months, there have been shorter training videos on the IFLS website, but it is not a good framework for presenting. Niche Academy would do that well in Roholt's opinion. A demo is scheduled for the Monday following the May MORE Directors Council meeting. The cost for access to all member libraries is \$6,600. Roholt would like to provide information on the product and cost in the 2023 budget.

Roholt noted another product called BiblioCloud Records. It is offered through BiblioCommons and provides a way to bring in OverDrive record data automatically into the catalog, without the need to load MARC records. Currently, we have to take time to load, and cleanup is needed to make records to MORE standards. We do not get all OverDrive content and there is a delay in receiving it. BiblioCloud Records means all records are available in the MORE catalog immediately. The cost is \$8,400 per year. It would be a time savings for staff as well. Bridget Krejci is checking how much time would be saved that could be put towards other things. A complication would be that staff in Sierra would not see ebook records. Elchert (RL) was not sure how much digital

materials are in Sierra and questioned how often someone would go to Sierra for electronic records.

The third product Roholt wanted to share was First Search through OCLC. It would make the combined holdings of MORE libraries available on worldcat.org. Currently we are paying for cataloging services as part of the MORE budget. IFLS pays for interlibrary loan services and is an OCLC member. The combined holdings are available to other OCLC members, but not visible to the public via worldcat.org. For the cost of \$12,730 a year, the combined holdings would be visible to the public. The Eau Claire public library has First Search, so they are visible as L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. They have not been interested in being folded into a consortium-holdings display. They pay about \$3,000 a year so that their library name is out there. The \$12,730 a year is for the consortium display, and not down to the individual library level display.

Johnson (CA) suggested looking into Library IQ. It is a collection development tool similar to Decision Center. Johnson can provide additional information if it is worth looking into it.

It was the consensus to include information and costs on Niche Academy and BiblioCloud Records to the MORE Directors Council for possible inclusion in the 2023 MORE budget. Roholt will look in Library IQ and check with the Resource Library on the product they use.

Overall, the 2023 budget reflects a 3-1/2% increase. Thompson suggested that budget lines with contracts with fixed pricing should be noted. This would avoid discussions of costs we cannot change.

ADJOURN:

Johnson (CA) made a motion to adjourn at 11:04 am. Thompson (IFLS) seconded. Motion carried.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder