MORE Administrator's Report

March 2021 – MORE Directors Council

New MORE-member libraries

LSTA grant funds have been awarded for Fairchild Public Library and Durand Community Library to join MORE. Fairchild Public Library is already a MORE member currently in preparation to "go live" on MORE. Fairchild will be reimbursed for the startup costs they have already incurred. Fairchild's planned "go live" date is July 1, 2021.

Durand Community Library's board voted in December to join MORE contingent on receiving grant funds for startup. Now that grant funds have been awarded, MORE Directors Council will need to approve the timeline for the library to join before the library can complete the MORE Participation Agreement. Durand's tentative "go live" date is January 1, 2022.

Hawkins Area Library and Cornell Public Library are the two remaining IFLS-member libraries that are not members of MORE. Before Fairchild, the last library to join MORE was Ogema in 2012.

MORE Executive Committee and Directors Council agenda changes

In order to facilitate more informed discussion at MORE Directors Council meetings, please note a new procedure for submitting agenda recommendations posted on the MORE Committees page: https://iflsweb.org/knowledge-base/more-committees-2/

In short, MORE Executive Committee will consider agenda requests and determine the best process and forum for taking up issues, rather than leaving agenda-creation to the MORE Chair alone. A timeline for request submissions as well as a link for submitting requests are posted on the MORE Committees page.

MORE Server upgrade needed

In order to remain current with Sierra releases, MORE needs to update our locally-hosted server software within the next several months. This upgrade will involve a one-time charge of about $9,000 from Innovative Interfaces, our Sierra vendor, so the issue will come before a future meeting of Directors Council. Work will be performed with the direction of IFLS IT Director Kris Schwartz.

Innovative Interfaces does have a cloud-based system MORE could use rather than hosting our Sierra servers locally, but it is considerably more expensive (around $67,000/year compared to $3,500/year to host locally).

2022 MORE Budget introduction

Please let me know of any products or services I can investigate for possible inclusion in or exclusion from the 2022 MORE budget. Optional expenditures included in the MORE budget relate directly to:

- Resource access and discovery
- Resource sharing
- Cooperative collection-building
- Staff development