

MMP Interest Group (First Annual Membership Meeting)  
Thursday, April 08, 2010  
4:00 p.m.  
Bozeman Public Library

Called to order: 4:03

Attendees: Molly Kruckenberg, Montana Historical Society; Elizabeth Jonkel, Missoula Public Library; Steve McCann, University of Montana, Mansfield Library; Ann Rutherford, Miles Community College Library; Jim Kammerer, Montana State Library; Judy Meadows, Montana State Law Library; Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library; Sarah McHugh, Montana State Library; Steve Jackson, Museum of the Rockies; Tina Kirkham, Montana Historical Society; Jason Clark, MSU, Tony Edmondson, Flathead County Library, Kathy Robbins, Parmly Billings Library, Renee Tanner, Montana State University Renne Library.

#### Introductions

#### 1. By-Laws review:

Noted that references to the MSC need to be deleted

#### Steering committee membership:

- Discussion regarding types of libraries that need to be represented.
- Should we add users, not just a contributor? I.e. Teachers, genealogists, librarians
- What is the term of representation and how are they selected?
  - Membership votes on the selection of the committee
  - Terms should be staggered with two and three year terms to start
- Sarah noted that because of the contribution of LSTA funds and because this is a statewide project, there needs to be broad representation in terms of types of institutions represented.
- Suggested 5-7 members:
  - Academic Library
  - Public Library
  - Museum/Archives
  - Special Libraries
  - User representation
  - School Library
  - Standing seat – MHS
  - Ex-Officio (MSL/MHS System Admin & Statewide Projects Librarian)
- (Tina?) will put out a call for nominations, election will go out electronically on June 1

- Elected committee will select chair and vice chair

#### Vision and Mission statement discussion:

- Needs to be more reflective of contemporary content
- Needs to represent more actionable items
- Steering committee was charged with further development of the mission statement

#### 2. Future Growth/Recruitment of new participants/ Funding Opportunities

- Current costs:
  - CONTENTdm license and hosting: \$13, 126
  - MMP Support ¼ time: \$12, 164
  - Digital Archive costs will be incurred after FY2011
  - Information shared regarding Montana Preservation Alliance grant
    - The value of having contractors on retainer for use in other grants was recognized
  - There is a general recognition that to continue to grow the MMP, more staff and funding is essential. Suggestions ranged from grants, to foundations to nominal charges for contributors.
- Newspaper discussion
  - Concerns regarding the appropriateness for addition of newspapers to the current repository
  - Concerns are technical concerns, the MMP is committed to newspapers
  - MHS should coordinate newspaper digitization
  - Steering committee will seat a taskforce to continue review and pilot
    - Fort Peck newspapers are being added as a “pilot,” no other newspapers will be considered until this pilot is completed
    - Metrics both before and after the load need to be reviewed
    - Metrics should include usability testing

#### 3. Updates

- Digital Collection Gateway update
- Digital Archives update
  - Discussion about alternatives and costs took place but it was recognized that this is a simple, useable alternative.
- Digital Registry update

#### 4. Current software and interface

- Request for subject guide/thesauri for both users and contributors; Tina will follow up on this request
- Concerns about slowness for search and retrieval

Final follow-up: Request to change “steering committee.” Agreed to change to Executive Committee