

MSC- Executive Committee
Meeting
December 7, 2009

The teleconference meeting began at 12:30 with Chair, Kim Crowley; Vice Chair, Joanne Erdall; Administrator, Ken Adams, Ann Rutherford, Donna Worth, Roberta Gephardt, Cheryl Hesper and Bob Cooper all present.

The minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

Staff:

Ken updated us on the new staff- We had a salary request from Mary Fouts who would be accepting the full time for one year position. Ken had not heard back from a counter offer from Jack Albright for the support position.

Kim discussed how she felt we need to offer more money in the future if we expect these people to stay with the job. The turn over rate is unacceptable. These positions are a vital backbone to our system. Pursue a study to work with the state system. Try a tiered approach. The support position does not require a MLS degree.

Committees:

What is the makeup of the Catalog Committee? It was discussed to have it stay as is, but add someone who could represent the IBistro public interface part. Donna Worth, Whitehall offered to serve as that representative. Maybe do away with circulation committee who hasn't meet forever?

Conference:

The COSUGI Conference would be held in Lake Buena Vista, Florida on March 2-5. Kim would put out an email for three applicants to join Mike Price. The deadline would be December 22. Ideally, we would have one school, one public and one special library applicant.

Next phase/timeline:

The earliest that Ken and Mike could start even thinking about item types and home locations for every library in the consortium would be April. This is due to shortage of staff and waiting to get the new hires on board. They still need to update each libraries circulation policies. Ken suggested shooting for May 1st. Then use Jemma's recommendations to define home locations and be sure to share this information early on with the new libraries as they come on board. Let Roberta finish working with the special libraries.

New Server:

Still waiting on word back from Sirsi to bless the SirsiDynix on Symphony 3.3 compatibility with AIX 6 . Ken will order the new server only after this is done.

New Libraries:

Billings went live a few weeks ago. Billings has two branches- their bookmobile and homebond. Ken shared the challenges and thanked those who helped him. Manhattan will be next followed by Phillipsburg on January 14th. Lincoln County High School is scheduled for February 4th. West Yellowstone schools and Carbon County libraries are scheduled in March.

It was recommended that Ken make sure the PC minimum requirements page is up to date and encourage every library to get decent size 17” to 19” flat screens to run the automation system. The State Government Information Library has replaced the DEQ bringing us to 102 libraries.

Bob Cooper updated us on the ILL repurposing process, comment period and upcoming hearings.

Ken shared his vacation schedule. Kim would do a meet-o-matic around January 13th to determine our next meeting date in February.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.