

Marmot Exec Board meeting 2/19/2014 Minutes [Approved by all on 2/28/14]

All were present in various locations (Lori, Sherry, Kevin, Joseph, Jimmy, Gayle) and the meeting started 11 am Wed 2/19

1. The board reviewed and approved the minutes of the Nov 20 meeting
2. As we reviewed today's agenda, point number 6 was to have been an executive session of the Board to discuss Jimmy Thomas' annual review. It was decided, rather, that this wasn't necessary to do today and instead Gayle would send the survey out to Marmot directors and Marmot staff; that she will compile the results and an executive session of the board will meet to review and discuss the results on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. Jimmy gave his Director's quarterly report:
  - a. Sierra – now in place for 3 months; they were some problems and issues and “payment stoppers” and a top ten list of fixes was provide to III. For the most part all have settled in and the slow login is less of an issue.
  - b. Prospector – at ALA Jimmy met w/the VP of III Product Management and he asked about the future of Innreach. (It was a big loss to III when the Pacific NW library group left Innreach). The VP assured Jimmy that it is a serious III product. Longmont has joined Prospector (pricing is now better at the Alliance) and possibly more libraries can join.
  - c. Decision Center (DC). Jimmy wants to talk to III about the holds processing. Decision Center looks more reliable but still has flaws in terms of Prospector transactions. Jimmy had a conversation w/the DC product manager along w/some Marmot directors who have been disappointed in DC; Shana Wade, Jeff Donlan, Amelia Shelby. Jimmy's survey about Collection HQ survey showed that DC is fine overall; two cancelled Collection HQ and Bud Werner is the one library to keep CHQ.
  - d. III – there has been a lot of turnover at III; new jobs, too. JT's impression is that it has been a good thing. Jimmy “gave them an earful” and he feels good about the people he met with and their response.
  - e. SkyRiver – (May 1<sup>st</sup> decision) JT has about 75% responses now; 1 library will sign up new to OCLC, 4 libraries will go w/SR; others staying with OCLC. This is all good for Marmot; two cataloging resources with high quality records from two sources. SkyRiver shouldn't exacerbate our dup problems. SkyRiver offers a double discounted price and a great opportunity; libraries should take advantage of this now. It's good to have two vendors offering a good, similar product. Some use a backdoor to get OCLC records (which isn't on OCLC radar).
  - f. SMS notices (overdues/holds available). This feature is ordered and two libraries are eager to add this (this project was shelved for some time). Jimmy will let other libraries know when it's available to sign up.
  - g. VuFind 2014 (Responsive Theme, Record Grouping). Mark will present on this at Council. A large group has been attending weekly sessions and giving strong feedback. Academic concerns were raised about the timing so Marmot will offer this to libraries and the library can choose their launch time as long as it's done before next fall. This is a friendly version to desktop, laptop,

tablets, phone plus record grouping feature. The record grouping is a very exciting new feature (no other OPAC offers).

- h. New member update (Rampart, Englewood Schools). Rampart joined Dec 2013 and recently turned on lending; Englewood Schools are on target to go live in March and Jimmy has recommended to Englewood Schools the Steamboat model for their courier situation.
  - i. New econtent (McGraw-Hill, Zinio, OverDrive): Several clusters of McGraw-Hill e books were purchased by a group of public libraries though some licensing issues remain to be worked on; academics passed on it for now; Zinio is a small but growing collection of magazines and four public libraries are participating; academics passed on this as well; Overdrive news will be presented in the council meeting.
4. Discussion of the DRAFT Agenda for Council Meeting April 17-18
- a. Jimmy has ALA news to disseminate (streaming video; an interactive user interface for children's books); Mark has things to show of VuFind; some Create List "magic" to show.
  - b. We added time for the directors to make brief announcements in the introduction time.
  - c. Jimmy will arrange for our partner associations to present (George from Alliance, Jim Duncan from CLiC)
  - d. Courier pricing issue will be discussed with Jim Duncan
  - e. Sarah Cron's suggestions were considered – and we added some of these (a time to discuss courier pricing; a time to discuss Marmot services w/o any Marmot staff present) ; other suggestions will be forwarded to MUG for consideration. We agree that the Council meeting wasn't the best place for staff development-type of presentations.
  - f. Clarification of Board election process (Kevin & Lori) discussion
    - i. Kevin and Lori reviewed the bylaws for board elections
      - 1. Last year presented a challenge when Gayle was nominated as both an Academic Rep and as an At-Large Rep. In this way she competed against herself and it was an awkward situation.
        - a. Should nominations be only from like institutions? Needs clarification. Do we have separate elections where each type provides a nominee; and then we stagger the elections?
      - 2. If there's a situation where two are running against each other for representative or for the At-Large there would need to be an election by all council members (but this is unlikely).
    - ii. Kevin and Lori will present something when we meet on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>
5. Minutes taken by Gayle Gunderson (Mary Vernon was unable to attend).