MCCLPHEI ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes for June 17, 2011

Hawthorn Hotel, Salem, MA

Attendees: Sai Chinnaswamy (Bristol CC), Amy Beth (STCC), Mike Somers (BSU), Daniel Ortiz (UMass Boston), Bonnie Mitchell (Framingham SU), Bob Foley (Fitchburg SU), Jay Scafer (UMass Amherst), Mark Lawrence (RCC), Mary Ann Niles (Middlesex CC), Karen Pangallo (NSCC), Linda Hummel-Shea (NECC), Susanne Andrews (UMass Dartmouth), Susan Cirillo (Salem SU), Jane Fama (UMass Medical), Heidi McCann (MWCC), Joanne Jones (Massasoit CC), Paul Dobbs (Mass Art), Tom Raffensperger (Westfield SU), Maureen Horak (MCLA), Susan Bertreaux (MMA), Renee Dempsey (Salem SU), Jeanmarie Fraser (CCCC), Nancy Walker (Berkshire CC), Kathleen McDonough.

1) Sai Chinnaswamy called the meeting to order and called for a review of the minutes from the membership meeting of April 8, 2011. Minutes accepted.

2) Susan Cirillo presented the treasurer’s report. There has been little activity since the last meeting. Balance: $11,885.70. Susan said that $11,000 would probably cover the summer conference.

3) Sai summarized selected items from handout “MCCLPHEI Accomplishments 2010-1011.”

- Strategic Plan for 2011-2016 completed and submitted to Mass. Board of Library Commissions. We now also have a current Action Plan.
- Thanks to Bob Foley for managing the process of bringing changes to the by-laws.
- Thanks to Susan Cirillo and Renee Dempsey for their work in planning the conference and to Bonnie for surveying the group on opinions of what kind of speakers should be invited.
- On the Assessment Project. Membership reviewed suggestion by Steve Spohn to adopt Counting Opinions tool to collect statistics. The price has been estimated at $13,000 to $14,000 which might be pricey for smaller colleges.
- Membership reviewed several new resources this year. Films on Demand was adopted by 12-13 libraries according to Bob Foley.
- Increase in membership dues to $650 voted in April.

4) Nomination and Election. Dan Ortiz announced that the following had been nominated: secretary: Mark Lawrence; members at large: Bob Foley, Terry Burton, and Deb Chown. These were formally elected. (Susan Cirillo had been elected treasurer previously because of Linda Oldach’s retirement.) Two reminders: members at large no longer represent the three segments of MCCLPHEI and executive board must be represented by the three segments. There were two candidates for Vice President/President Elect for the first time in many years: Tim
Rivard and Jeanmarie Fraser. Jeanmarie was elected. Dan recognized Sai for a very productive year and thanked the executive committee for its work. The mantle of presidential responsibility passed to Bonnie.

5) Bonnie announced upcoming membership meeting dates: September 23, November 18, February 24 (snow date March 2), April 20. Bonnie will announce locations when confirmed. Executive board meetings will be a week before membership meetings.

6) Assessment Project. Sai reviewed the proposed statistical tool Counting Options. It would cost $13 to 14,000. A demo was made at the April meeting. There would need to be a couple of “super users” who would become experts to help others. Bob proposed an alternative: LibAnalyzer. In reply to several questions, Bob replied: LibAnalyzer is more robust than Counting Opinions; that subscription to LibGuides is not needed to use it; that it would need at least a couple of weeks for trial; that it was probably easier to use than Counting Options. Salem State, Mass. Maritime, and Holyoke have done data sets which could be used in testing.

7) Annual Conference 2012. Bonnie called for volunteers for a committee to come up with a location for the next conference. Concern that mid June not a good time and beginning of July better. The committee: Jeanmarie Fraser, Sai, Maryanne Niles, Linda H-S. The committee should report findings at September meeting but charged to report by email earlier if a critical date would pass by then for any of the proposed locations.


- Paul reported on Action Item V.A. —developing an open access policy for Mass. Higher Ed. similar to what Harvard and MIT have. The policy would let faculty retain right to their published works. We could probably get help from Peter Suber, a leading voice in the open access movement and also SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition. We should get the Chronicle of HE to track the project. Would be a multi-year project. Mike and Amy interested in joining Paul on this effort.
- Bob spoke on action item II.C.—developing a mentoring program for librarians and library directors. The regions used to have a webpage for new directors and the Mass. Library System probably still does that could be used as a model. Bob and Tim are going to work on this.
- Grant funding opportunities. Cyndi Roach for MBLC said that she would work with us on them.
- Action item I.C. Need to assess the website and find another provider. Sai volunteered to lead the effort. Discussion of various hosts for website: LibGuides, Google Sites or BePress, if 5 colleges sign up for Digital Commons (UMass Amherst, Boston, Lowell and Worcester have signed up and BSU and Framingham may.)
• Bonnie asked for volunteers to look for potential grants and got no takers. Maybe Paul could keep in mind grant possibilities for Open Access. Mike will continue to pass on emails on grants.
• Regarding Action item I.A., the state-wide streaming video initiative, Sai will give a summary in September.

9) Committees.
• Data & Assessment. See 6 above. Time, Sai and Bob are members.
• Electronic Resources. Members: Tom, Mary Ann, Bob, Cathy, Mike. Bob asked that those who have not sent list of databases to him to do so. Of new databases proposed during last year: No one wanted Ovid; 5 wanted Rittenhouse; 1 wanted Ebsco ebooks; 12 or 13 (mostly CCs) wanted Films on Demand. New subscribers must go into a new cohort although Bob will try to get them into the present one. Mary Ann mentioned an open house at Leslie Univ., organized by Waldo, of streaming videos from Alexander Press. Several people noted bad service with Lyrassis. A few have dropped it.
• Program. To pick speaker for next year’s conference. Heidi will help.

10) Other Business.
• Mark noted that only 11 current members pictures are on web page. Sai said that pictures could be taken but not clear whether Don Westover is updating. Another example of our needing a new web page. Do we owe him money? Linda willing to be in website committee.
• Jay explained the interest in expanding the Five Colles Library Depository (aka The Bunker) into a true New England Regional Depository. This would reduce the number of journal volumes on shelves in participating institutions with one copy kept in The Bunker. The many logistical and other unanswered questions will be addressed at a meeting July 21.

11) Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 11:30, a half hour ahead of schedule.

Respectively submitted, Mark Lawrence, Secretary.