MnLINK Gateway Operations Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, Aug. 2. 2012
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

(These minutes record discussion and decisions made at the meeting. For more information about the topics discussed, see the PowerPoint slides that were used as an agenda aid: http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Committees/Gateway/Meetings/2012/0802Webinar.pdf

Members in Attendance: Barbara Misselt (Chair), Ken Behringer, Greg Sauve (attending for Audrey Betcher), Mary Kay Baden (attending for Vanessa Birdsey), Pat Conley, Ruth Dukelow, Stephen Elfstrand, Joann Frankena, Barbara Jauquet-Kalinoski (attending for Kathy Fredette), Brian Karschnia (attending for Kit Hadley), Connie Hendrick, Jenny Hill, Ann Hutton, Marlene Moulton Janssen, Carla Powers, Mark Ranum, Kirsty Smith, Jim Weikum, Peg Werner (Vice Chair), Jeanne DeMars (attending for Dayle Zelenka).

Members Unable to Attend: Nick Dimassis, Chuck Wettergren

Others in Attendance at the Meeting: Dixie Ohlander, CLIC; Sonja Eilertson, MnPALS; Nancy Walton, State Library Services

Minnesota Office of Higher Education Staff in Attendance: Mary Lou Dresbach

Minitex Staff in Attendance: Nick Banitt, Cecelia Boone, Kathy Drozd, Carol Nelson, Matt Niehoff, Becky Ringwelski

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Review/Approve Meeting Agenda
   Ringwelski suggested that Agenda Items 8 and 9 be discussed in reverse order. Hutton made a motion, seconded by Moulton Janssen, that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

3. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2012
   Hutton moved and Werner seconded approval of the minutes as distributed. The motion was approved.

4. Minnesota Office of Higher Education Update
   a) Gateway server site contract renewal process
      Dresbach reported that new server site contracts are in place and will be in effect through June 2017. The server sites should have received their copies of the contracts for their files.

   b) Gateway server site payments
Dresbach and Ringwelski said Minitex staff will generate the information needed to complete the server site payment spreadsheets. Ringwelski reminded Committee members that she will be asking the sites for the updated information that’s needed to complete the spreadsheets.

5. **Elections for Gateway Operations Committee chair/vice-chair**
Misselt thanked Hutton and Moulton Janssen for their work as the nominations committee. Werner was nominated as Chair, and Moulton Janssen was nominated to serve as vice chair. Ringwelski, speaking for the Committee as a whole, thanked Misselt for her years of leadership of the Committee.

6. **Statistical update – FY2012 review**
Referring to the PowerPoint slides shared through the webinar, Ringwelski noted that there was a small decrease in the number of patron requests sent through the Gateway system in FY12 as compared to FY11 – 542,766 compared to 563,831. The number of fills, on the other hand, rose from 63.9% in FY11 to 70.4% in FY12 – resulting in a greater number of fills in FY12 even though the number of requests was smaller. Drozd noted that the number of items moved through Direct Delivery among Gateway libraries increased 2.3% in FY2012 from FY2011.

7. **MnLINK Gateway software updates**
   a) **Version 6.1 upgrade**
   Ringwelski told the Committee that the Gateway will be down between Aug. 24 and Aug. 26 for installation of Version 6.1 of the OCLC ZPortal/VDX software. Webinars will be provided to explain the changes that will result from the update, and the upgrade will be discussed at the Minitex Annual Public Library Node Meeting on Aug. 10.

   The upgrade will bring enhancements including: Unicode compliance, work queue and workflow improvements, and improved request searching.

   b) Banitt reported that the problems with the Amazon price/publication check feature have been resolved.

8. **Minitex/MnLINK User Group Meeting**
Ringwelski reported that the tentative date for the meeting, which will be held at the St. Paul Campus Continuing Education and Conference Center, is Nov. 15. Clifford Lynch, Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), will give the keynote address on the relationship of e-books and libraries. Other topics will include OCLC WorldShare Interlibrary Loan with Katie Birch, OCLC; discovery systems with Cody Hanson, University of Minnesota Libraries; and an update on Ex Libris Alma from Betsy Friesen, University of Minnesota Libraries.

9. **Meeting with OCLC staff at the ALA Annual Conference**
Ringwelski reported that she met with Katie Birch and Mindy Pozenel from OCLC during the ALA Annual Conference in June and talked with them about possible future changes for the MnLINK Gateway and other users of the ZPortal/VDX software. The timeframe for institutions to begin to move from ZPortal/VDX to other options is about three years out (2015). Potential options include WorldShare Interlibrary Loan. The status of the non-OCLC MnLINK Gateway libraries remains an important component of this discussion.
10. **Minitex/MnLINK Interlibrary Loan Committee update**
Ringwelski noted that the Committee has drafted a survey asking about current issues with an emphasis on e-resources and ILL. The survey will be distributed in the next couple weeks.

11. **Minitex director search update**
Ringwelski noted that she, Ann Hutton, and Nancy Walton are among those on the Search Committee for the new Minitex director. Three candidates have been scheduled for in-person interviews and public presentations: Ken Behringer, Director, Dakota County Library; Michael Piper, former Interim Executive Director, Reaching Across Illinois Library System; and Valerie Horton, Executive Director, Colorado Library Consortium. The candidates’ public presentations will be broadcast throughout the Minitex region, and library staff are invited to submit evaluations and comments through the Search website.

12. Other
Elfstrand reported that MnPALS plans to test its hosted Evergreen implementation with OCLC’s NCIP Gateway functionality.

13. Adjourn

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