

Minnesota Innovative Users Group
Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2005
University of St. Thomas Law Library

Present:

Paddy Satzer (University of St. Thomas Law Library), Chair
Eric Hinsdale (Carleton College, Gould Library)
Sharon Kinsmith (Minneapolis Public Library)
Jim Vogt (Saint Paul Public Library)
Peggy Woodling (Minneapolis Public Library)

Paddy distributed copies of the MN IUG bylaws.

An update from the out-going Treasurer was not available by meeting time.

2005 STEERING COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Paddy Satzer, Chair
Eric Hinsdale, Chair-Elect
Sharon Kinsmith, Treasurer
Jim Vogt, Secretary

WEB SITE

Paddy will contact Ron Joslin (Macalester College) concerning updates for the web site. Ability to broadcast messages on the listserv remains inaccessible to all except Ron.

2004 FALL CONFERENCE

Paddy distributed copies of the *2004 Minnesota IUG Fall Conference - Evaluation Summary*.

Overall evaluation scores were lower than in past years. Negative factors mentioned include problems with equipment, sessions that were too basic or general per expectations, sessions that were too advanced or specialized per expectations; and, the distance between the luncheon site and the building where sessions were held - which proved to be a cold walk on a rainy day. Positive comments were also received, including those from staff members of libraries in Wisconsin and Iowa thanking the MN IUG for extending invitations to their organizations.

A goal for future conferences will be to develop more sessions targeted at library public service staff.

Planning for the 2005 Fall Conference will begin in earnest this summer.

2005 SPRING CONFERENCE

This conference has traditionally been a half-day and will remain so this year. Paddy will verify the end-of-semester dates for the Innovative Academic Libraries before a specific date is chosen for the conference.

Based on the success of the 2004 Spring Conference, this year's will again be held at the University of St. Thomas facilities in downtown Minneapolis. This site offers comfortable classrooms for concurrent sessions and a keynote presentation, easy computer connectivity for demonstrations, an overall beautiful facility and plenty of quick-serve restaurants within a few blocks. Preliminarily, the conference will begin mid-morning and run through mid-afternoon so commuters won't get caught in the a.m. or p.m. rush hours. The cost of parking is the only negative of this site, an issue that will be further discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Proposed agenda topics for the conference:

KEYNOTE:

LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) is a set of protocols for accessing information directories. LDAP servers provide "authentication" service, so that web, email, and file-sharing servers can use a single list of authorized users and passwords. Eric will verify that a colleague is willing to present the keynote presentation on this topic.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

- Roundtable(s) featuring reports from attendees of the National Innovative Users Group Conference that will occur in May in San Francisco.
- New Innovative offerings for Circulation: Online Patron Registration and E-commerce, which allows patrons to pay fees and fines displayed in their My Millennium record. It can also be used to collect donations to the library. Peggy & Sharon will follow-up on this proposed topic for the next meeting.
- Courtesy Notices. This tool allows the automatic sending of email reminders to patrons who have materials checked-out with approaching due dates and provides them with a one-click access to the Millennium Web OPAC renewal page. Peggy, Sharon & Paddy will follow-up on this proposed topic for the next meeting.
- The Rule Selection Table and loan rule determination. Eric will verify that a colleague is willing to speak on this topic. Peggy & Sharon also know of a potential speaker with an expertise in this area.
- INN-View for Cataloging. The INN-View Library of Congress Authority Database provides seamless importation of LC Authority records. Automatic Authority Control processing corrects headings on bibliographic records without cataloger intervention when an authority record is changed or a new authority record is added to the database. Eric will verify that a colleague is willing to speak on this topic.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 23

9:00 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Jim Vogt, MN IUG Steering Committee Secretary