

Minnesota Innovative Users Group
Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2005
University of St. Thomas Schoenecker Law Library

Present:

Paddy Satzer (University of St. Thomas Law Library), chair
Eric Hinsdale (Carelton College), Chair-Elect
Jim Vogt (Saint Paul Public Library), Secretary
Peggy Woodling (Minneapolis Public Library)

Absent:

Sharon KinSmith (Minneapolis Public Library), Treasurer

TREASURY REPORT:

Balance: \$1024.50

The balance does not reflect the bill for catering the Spring Conference. It will be around \$365.

The balance does not include still-due Spring Conference registration fees for three attendees.

SPRING CONFERENCE

The Spring Conference evaluations were discussed. In general, they were very positive about the location, cost, length, and program selection.

WISCONSIN – ILLINOIS INNOVATIVE USER GROUP MEETING

Paddy attended their first-ever conference held on June 2 at Carthage College in Kenosha. It was well-attended. WILIUG includes nearly 100 Innovative libraries and library consortiums. Steering Committee members briefly discussed the potential for future collaborations between MNIUG and WILIUG. The cost for non-members to attend the conference was \$50. Presentations topics included Running Fiscal Close, Millennium Create Lists in Action, Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR), ERM Overview and Update, IUG Clearinghouse, Patron Empowerment, Automating Circulation Development and Outsourcing Copy Cataloging, and Auto Notices.

ADVANCED SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION TRAINING

Paddy is seeking further information on the possibility of III conducting an Advanced Systems Administration Training course in the Twin Cities. In the past, these workshops have only been offered at Innovative's headquarters in California. Innovative requires at least 10, but not more than 12 participants. The Steering Committee recommends that attendance be first opened up to MNIUG member libraries. If room permits, WILIUG members would be invited to attend.

The Steering Committee's first choice of dates for this two-day training is October 19 & 20. The second choice is October 26 & 27. The first choice for a location is the computer lab at the University of St. Thomas Schoenecker Law Library. Paddy will verify its availability. Innovative asks that attendance commitments be received at least three months before the training.

MN IUG FALL CONFERENCE

The Fall Conference will be held in conjunction with the Advanced Systems Administration Training on either Tuesday, October 18 or Tuesday, October 25. The preferred site for the conference is St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. Presentation topics to be considered during the Fall Conference, as suggested by attendees of the Spring Conference, are Create Lists, Millennium Serials, Millennium Acquisitions, Rule Determination Tables, and OPAC instruction for ELL/ESL customers.

A comment from one attendee also suggested a having a presentation from a MINITEX staff member. Eric will follow-up on this idea by contacting Bill DeJohn and inquiring about his availability to give a keynote speech on the topic of MnLINK. In addition to Bill, the steering committee would also like to have a Minnesota Innovative library staff member, such as Charles Gimon of MPL, speak as to how he/she has integrated MnLINK into his/her library's OPAC and web presence.

As a possible lunchtime speaker, Eric suggested Sam Demas of Carleton College. Mr. Demas has been spending the past year traveling and visiting libraries for research purposes. He is scheduled to be back on campus this fall.

Paddy suggested inviting a speaker that coordinated two sessions at the international IUG. Richard Jackson is a cataloger and database manager of the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. The two programs Mr. Jackson presented at the international conference were "Mastering Global Update" and "Playing with Matches: Using Regular Expressions in Create Lists."

Possible breakout session topics include one on InnView Authorities (possible presenters: Sue Ims of Carleton and JoEllen LaPrade of St. Olaf) and one on the challenges of web OPACs in special libraries, such as the music library at Carleton.

Paddy challenges Steering Committee members to bring three ideas of possible programs and/or presenters to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2005, 9a.m., University of St. Thomas Schoenecker Law Library

Respectively submitted by Jim Vogt, Secretary, Minnesota Innovative Users Group