

LYNX! CONSORTIUM QUARTERLY DIRECTORS MEETING
Boise Public Library
September 21, 2001

Attendance: Diane Hoffpauir, Ada; Marilyn Poertner and Laurel White, Boise Public; Eagle; Patty Younger, Meridian; Ann Tabler, Hailey; Karen Ganske, Nampa; Arlen Call and June Johnstun, Twin Falls; Heather Clark, Garden City; and Elaine Leppert, Caldwell

ELECTION of new facilitator: Karen Ganske agreed to facilitate and Elaine Leppert will be note taker.

SILC UPDATE: The project is going forward without LYNX! participation. They may look to other libraries not affiliated with LYNX! Attendees expressed interest in participating in the future.

FIREWALLS: Michael arrived to lead a discussion on firewalls their advantages and disadvantages. He recommends ESoft's Instagate in part because if all libraries were using it we would have a common skill set and resource pool for information. He warned that firewalls can give a false sense of security and that they are not virus checkers per se. A brief discussion of virus scanners ensued including BPL's recent NIMDA scare.

INDEXING WITH SUBJECT HEADINGS – discussion postponed.

OPEN ACCESS:

Discussion of the open access agreement touched on its purpose and on the impact a cooperative fund can have on a city library's budget and its ability to carry over funds. It was agreed to ask BPL's assigned attorney to look at the legal issues in combining our three documents, creating a separate legal entity and building a carry-over fund.

BPL'S TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Boise Public has in essence already selected option 2 of the plan, which is to upgrade the exiting Dynix hardware and software and revisit the choice of migrating after the complete of the first branch. Because of the many issues BPL is dealing with they have sacrificed technology for stability. Marilyn provided an update on the proposed branches and the current timeline.

PLANNED UPGRADES

Quotes for replacement of servers were reviewed. The SUN Enterprise 3500 has better scalability and more memory. Its life span is 3 – 5 years. We know that Horizon and Endeavor will operate on the Sun.

CORSORTIUM COST FORMULAS

Current consortium costs are based on the Dynix maintenance bill and Barb's salary. Costs not currently included are Internet costs, billing costs, WAN and technical support.

After looking at various options, a motion was passed that members' costs will be include maintenance billing, support services (such as consultation and technical support and fiscal agency) not to exceed 1 ½ times the salary and fringe benefits of the computer specialist assigned to the consortium. Library's bills will be determined by using formula B. Formula B is .24 circ. + .25 holdings + .5 work stations.

This will go into effect October 1, 2001. All present voted yes, all libraries were represented.

UPGRADE COSTS (CONTINGENCY FUND)

Based on current figures we will need \$250,000 for hardware in 5 years. Thus would need to set aside \$50,00 per year. If include software amount would double.

In FY 2002 we will concentrate on funding upgrade using formula B. Date of payment can be negotiated.

By October 1 all libraries will send circulation numbers, holdings of items, and number of workstations (broke down by Internet and dynix) to Laurel.

A committee was formed to work on combining the 3 contracts. Volunteers were

Heather and Patty Younger, Dian will proofread the document and Marilyn will liaison with legal council.

Next meeting scheduled for December 7 at ISL if possible at 10 am.