

KUDOS Meeting at ALA Midwinter in Denver
Saturday January 24, 2009 1:30pm-3pm

Facilitator: John Houser from Palinet -- in place of John Brice
John Houser manages the Tech sandbox at palinet so he has experience with Koha (installing and working with)

Secretary: Nicole C. Engard, Open Source Evangelist, LibLime

Attendees:

- Barbara Blummer - Center for Computing Sciences - PTFS for support - Federally funded R&D center
- Cookie Wolfram - LibLime Employee
- Deb Denault - LibLime Employee
- Emily Funk - LibLime Employee
- Chris Mueller - NM State Library (using it first for books by mail - opac and circ functions)
- Nicole Engard - LibLime Employee
- Rebecca Bell - WALDO
- Doreen Baily - Santa Fe Indian School - LibLime for support
- Marissa Wood - BCR - Colorado - Used for professional library - going solo
- Michael Piper - Incolsa - LibLime for support

Status of KUDOS Formation

- In the process of becoming a legal entity - draft bylaws (<http://meadvillelibrary.org/director/kudos-draft-by-laws.html>) have been send to the commonwealth of PA - waiting for a charter to get 501.3c status
- after that we'll be tax exempt
- if all the paperwork goes through as planned the org will exist around June 1, 2009 - the first formal meeting as an org would be at ALA in Chicago

How structured should the group be?

- Not alot of libraries have had input into the bylaws - but they're not written in stone they can be changed after the legal process is approved
- suggestion for board -not an even number since it's hard to get things voted on - 3 or 5 not an even 4
- what is the length of service for board members

Which established meetings (existing conferences) are best for in-person meetings?

- share your ideas with john for which meetings you'd like to coordinate KUDOS meetings at
 - sign up for KUDOS list: http://ccfls.org/kudos/?page_id=3
- since the group is both users and developers you're not likely to get them at the same conference
- another option is to have the users host a meeting - differnet parts of the world each year
- have the KUDOS group meet at KohaCon every year since both users and developers have a common interest in that
- having it in conjunction with other conferences is a cost saving option

- web meetings is a cost effective way to meet instead/also
- in person meetings are better because you get to talk in person
- a good way to go is annual KohaCon and then web meetings throughout the year

alternative ways of meeting

- online meeting software
 - webex = bad/expensive
 - iLinc = best web conferencing software Debra has ever used - free up to 15 users and almost all the functionality as the full software -- if you persue a contract for bigger meetings - there are different levels based on a monthly subscription (\$39.95 a month/unlimited minutes/no hidden charges) built in VOIP - or you can use your own teleconferencing package - video conferencing option - powerpoint and share your desktop - response time is amazing - only web conferencing software that shows you how much money you saved in airline fuel (a green product)
 - DimDim - not on Mac
 - GoToMeeting - monthly fee for the company that hosts - can use VOIP or teleconferencing software
 - WebHuddle - Free and for small meetings
- Need volunteer to explore these options

Why meet online? Or do we even want that?

- committees could meet online
- board members may want to do online meetings if they can't all come to the annual meeting

Share our processes and setups

- Barbara - 15,000 records - intend to use all the modules - using as is - not sponsoring any developments - no go-live date yet, just signed contract
- Chris - rural services not on same system as consortium (sirsi) - book by mail project on Koha (circ stats based on bookmobile stop - a future plan) - sent records to AlphaG should have final set to import into Koha this week - Mid-April hope to have the records loaded and the staff training
- Becky - WALDO - handed out lots of enhancements (will be attached) - LibLime did a scoping study and came up with 35 projects that can be done - as time as gone on they haven't deleted projects but they have added - so they're up to about 50 projects now that they're sponsoring - 16 of the projects are now in programming - libraries are testing a few of them right now - 15 development projects are being specced out right now (15 NY libraries will go live by Aug 1)
- Doreen - school library 7-12 - 700 students 20,000 items - didn't want to have her ILS bought out again - so she looked at open source - are live - went live in 2009 - not using serials or acq at this time
- Marissa - standard 3.0 install - they have never been automated before - under 1000 records in there - a side project for the library - just using it for inventory (OPAC & Cataloging)
- Mike - shared Koha zoom - went live in sept 2008 - 20 multi-type libraries - several hundred thousand bib records - sponsored an import tool that LibLime developed

share ideas for co-sponsored developments

- mike - one of the real values of a group like this is to meet together and explore these co-sponsored developments - if we can share efforts it reduces costs and gets us moving in the right direction quicker - it's to all of our benefits to have a successful implementation - we're on the bleeding edge - and want to be a productive contributing member of the community - we want to see open source work and be successful
- John - this group could choose to create a list of what's in development
- There are also RFCs for the committed code projects on the wiki: <http://wiki.koha.org/doku.php?id=en:development:rfdc3.2>
- Deb - there is an internal list for LibLime customers to communicate with each other about co-sponsoring - but it's a service we offer our customers
- Mike - the group can create something like this - a list to talk about development ideas with each other and partner up for co-sponsoring

Website

- put out a call for someone to host the website for Kudos -- a site built on an open source platform that offers updates via email and RSS so that people can keep up with Kudos news
- Nicole suggests that someone talk to LISHOST (<http://lishost.org/>) - Blake is awesome and nice and helpful- offers hosting for library related sites with easy install of WordPress or other OS apps
 - should follow design of the Nexpress site: <http://www.nexpresslibrary.org/> which uses WordPress and has most of these parts already
- Probably want a content management system - with forums and wikis and blogs
- probably want to form a committee to explore these options - ask for committee volunteers on the lists

How do we contact the entire Koha community

- email Koha, Koha-devel, Kudos - get them all to sign up for the Kudos list so there is a central location to communicate about KUDOS
- need to market the community so that we can get people involved

New features from LibLime

- Keep up with patches: <http://git.koha.org/cgi-bin/gitweb.cgi?p=Koha;a=summary>
- New holds features to allow for overrides and for enhanced holds rules
- New XSLT function pulls call number from items instead of bib records to display in the results page item availability
- Ability to override rules on renewals
- many others
- in the future all vendors will need to share their upgrades with the community - and attend KUDOS meetings

Action Items

- Nicole write documentation about what each stylesheet displays (XSLT v Default)
- Nicole send notes to KUDOS
- Everyone sign up for KUDOS List
- Chris will send message to Koha & Koha-devel reminding to sign up for KUDOS list
- John Brice post status of Org by June 1 to Kudos Blog/Kudos List
- John Brice link to Nexpress on Kudos site: <http://www.nexpresslibrary.org/>

Agenda for next meeting

- issue of website (co-sponsoring, communication, news delivery, repository for training materials) - should follow design of the Nexpress site: <http://www.nexpresslibrary.org/> which uses WordPress and has most of these parts already
- bylaws review
- choose web conferencing software