

RAILS CONSORTIA COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 22, 2018
RAILS Burr Ridge
125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Paul Mills, RAILS Consortia Committee Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Designation of Minute Taker

Jody Rubel, RAILS Administrative Assistant, was designated minute taker.

3. Committee Membership Changes

Ms. Plass welcomed the new committee members: Pat Boze, Illinois State Library (*ex officio*); Cassandra Thompson, Illinois Heartland Library System (*ex officio*); and Emily Porter, Byron Public Library, as PrairieCat's voting representative. Ms. Plass announced that Carol Dawe accepted the director's position at Lakeland Library Cooperative in Michigan and wished her well in her new endeavor. Ms. Plass also thanked guests from Illinois Heartland Library System, staff members Traci Edwards and Joan Bauer, for joining the meeting.

4. Roll Call of Members—Jody Rubel

Burr Ridge: Betsy Adamowski, Yvonne Bergendorf, Dawn Bussey (arrived 9:37 a.m.), Gwen Gregory, Matt Hammermeister, Paul Mills, Aaron Skog

Coal Valley: Carolyn Coulter

East Peoria: Kendal Orrison

Phone: Debbie Bloom, Emily Porter (joined at 9:37 a.m.)

Absent: Kristine Hammerstrand, Rebecca Malinowski, Scott Pointon, Jennifer Slaney, Rich Wolff

5. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

Burr Ridge: Lindsay Braddy, Deirdre Brennan (*ex officio*), Kate Hall (*ex officio*), Jane Plass (*ex officio*), Jody Rubel, Susan Westgate, Mary Witt

Carbondale: Traci Edwards

Champaign: Joan Bauer, Pat Boze (*ex officio*)

Illinois State Library: Deb Aggertt, Karen Egan, Gwen Harrison

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

7. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to include the RAILS strategic plan discussion, item 9d.

Ms. Adamowski moved, and Mr. Orrison seconded, that

THE RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE ADOPT THE JANUARY 22, 2018 AGENDA AS AMENDED.

The motion carried.

8. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2017 Consortia Committee Meeting

Mr. Hammermeister moved, and Ms. Gregory seconded, that

THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 16, 2017 RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

9. New Business**a. RAILS committee restructuring****i. Revised Consortia Committee charge**

The approved Consortia Committee charge was included in the meeting packet.

ii. Resource Sharing Committee charge

The approved Resource Sharing Committee charge was included in the meeting packet. Members of the RAILS Resource Sharing Committee were announced.

- Charm Ruhnke, Chair
- Christine Barr
- Brian Chase
- Andy Allen
- Gwen Gregory
- Ryan Livergood
- Jeanne Modelski
- Sia Paganis
- Michelle Roubal
- TBD (IHLS *ex officio*)
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- Deirdre Brennan (RAILS *ex officio*)
- Kate Hall (RAILS *ex officio* as Board President)
- Mark Hatch (RAILS *ex officio*)
- Veronda Pitchford (RAILS *ex officio*)
- Jane Plass (RAILS *ex officio*)

b. RAILS FY2020 consortial support grant

An overview of the FY2020 RAILS LLSAP support grant document was discussed. The formula for allocating RAILS support is pending, but it will include several sections with different components weighted differently. The formula needs to take into account library needs and library type. Next steps are to fine tune the support allocation formula and test the formula based on current LLSAP membership numbers. Any additional comments may be submitted to Anne Slaughter.

Ms. Brennan reminded the group that RAILS is funded based on both service population (per capita) and square miles served. Ms. Plass remarked that the overlay project, Find More Illinois, may open participation to additional libraries in the fall, earlier than planned. Initial plans were for a pilot phase lasting no longer than two years.

c. Trends affecting shared catalog consortia

Committee members discussed trends affecting consortia and libraries as a whole. Topics discussed included:

- Migrating from local servers to the cloud
- Consortia sustainability and affordability
- Future role of school media specialists
- Cost-saving opportunities
- Capability to search multiple platforms and not limited to physical holdings
- Security
- Privacy

- User experience
- Integration for mobile devices

d. RAILS strategic plan

Ms. Brennan shared RAILS strategic plan feedback received at the January RAILS member update meeting. Major themes included:

- Social issues and preparedness
- Community diversity
- Library relevance
- Funding
- Unserved population

Next, Ms. Brennan turned to committee members and asked, “What is keeping consortia up at night?” Responses included:

- Balancing resources and dollars with diverse patron needs
- Staff development and mentoring
- How patrons use the library space, which may vary based on library type
- Purchasing/managing electronic resources and licenses
- Serving a diverse student and community population
- Aligning the academic library’s vision with the larger institution as a whole
- Collaboration with different library types
- Network security and patron privacy
- Developing technology and security standards
- Funding and sustainability
- Collecting meaningful data for benchmarking

10. Reports

a. Consortia Committee Chair

No report.

b. Consortium reports

A written report was included in the meeting packet. No additional reports.

c. Aaron Skog’s analysis of RAILS library consortia

Aaron Skog summarized his report “Analysis of RAILS Library Consortia” included in the packet. Members commented that collecting statistics like the ones in the report may create a baseline for trends and usage, drive decision making, and demonstrate value. Ms. Gregory offered to share definitions used by CARLI with the group. Contact Aaron Skog with any questions or comments regarding the report.

d. RAILS report

The deadline for PrairieCat, Rock River Library Consortium, and I-Share libraries interested in participating in the Find More Illinois pilot is January 25, 2018. There is a waiting list for PrairieCat and Rock River libraries. If no additional libraries from I-Share express interest, the remaining spots will be filled from the waiting list. The Find More Illinois pilot will kick off with 20 participating libraries. At its January 2018 meeting, the RAILS Board will vote on the budget for Find More Illinois. Eric Bain has accepted the Technology Special Projects Coordinator position; his responsibilities will include member support for Find More Illinois.

Committee members were urged to read the analysis on the ILS-generated delivery labels project in the report.

11. Future Meetings

a. April 23, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

It was agreed to reschedule the next Consortia Committee meeting from April 16 to April 23 due to conflicting events. The FY2019 meeting schedule will be determined in April.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Adamowski moved, and Mr. Hammermeister seconded, that

THE RAILS CONSORTIA COMMITTEE BE ADJOURNED AT 11:38 A.M.

The motion carried.