

RAILS CONSORTIA COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 15, 2019

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 10:00 a.m.

2. Designation of Minute Taker

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

3. Roll Call of Members

Burr Ridge: Matt Hammermeister, Rebecca Malinowski, Paul Mills, Aaron Skog

East Peoria: Kendal Orrison

Cherry Valley Public Library District: Jane Lenser, Emily Porter

Phone: Gwen Gregory, Kristine Hammerstrand (phoned in at 10:08 a.m.), Jennifer Slaney

Absent: Betsy Adamowski, Scott Pointon

4. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

Burr Ridge: Anna Behm, Deirdre Brennan (*ex officio*), Kate Hall, Grant Halter, Stacy Palmisano, Jane Plass (*ex officio*), Jody Rubel, Anne Slaughter (*ex officio*)

Coal Valley: Carolyn Coulter

Phone: Shelley Stone

5. Public Comment

New RAILS employees attending the meeting were recognized and welcomed.

6. Adoption of the Agenda

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

THE RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

7. Approval of Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Consortia Committee Meeting

Mr. Skog moved, and Mr. Orrison seconded, that

THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 14, 2019 RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Update on The MARC of Quality issues

Currently Ms. Slaughter is evaluating the FY 2020 The MARC of Quality contract and service changes. She informed the committee that Illinois consortia managers have been meeting to identify specifications for a replacement for OSMOSIS. Staff from the Illinois State Library (ISL) and OCLC were invited to attend their next meeting. The Exposing Consortial Holdings Working Group will work with Illinois consortia managers in seeking a platform-agnostic solution.

b. Exposing Consortial Holdings Working Group charge

Ms. Slaughter stated that Carolyn Coulter, PrairieCat Director, will serve as chair of the working group and that John Slanicky from PrairieCat will be added as a member. Ms. Slaughter invited feedback on the working group charge. After discussion, the committee agreed that the charge was broad enough to be inclusive of all users.

Ms. Malinowski moved, and Mr. Skog seconded, that

THE RAILS CONSORTIA COMMITTEE APPROVE THE RAILS EXPOSING CONSORTIAL HOLDINGS WORKING GROUP CHARGE AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

9. New Business

a. SimplyE

Ms. Brennan reported on New York Public Library's SimplyE open source app that federates e-content from many different sources. Ms. Brennan talked about the development, background, enhancements, organizational structure moving forward, and RAILS involvement. RAILS is currently a partner with Minitex in Minnesota on an IMLS-funded grant project for SimplyE. Pinnacle is testing SimplyE as part of this grant. Pinnacle's Matt Hammermeister said that they are configuring the app settings and that staff will be testing soon.

b. Data needs and issues in shared catalog consortia

Grant Halter, RAILS Data Coordinator & Research Analyst, introduced himself and highlighted projects that he will be focusing on. Ms. Brennan and Ms. Slaughter stated that discussions about consortial needs have occurred and invited additional input from the committee. Possible areas include:

- Demonstrating the value of consortial resource sharing and return on investment
- Comparison by library service population

Perceived benefits of the data analysis include substantiating the value in libraries joining consortia, identifying levels of service, and using data to improve reporting and decision-making. It was suggested that consortia share the types of data that are reported back to the libraries.

c. FY 2020 committee representatives

Ms. Plass requested that committee members notify her of any changes in the designated consortium representatives for FY 2020. Each consortium has one voting representative and optionally one alternate. Consortium representatives do not need to be on the consortium's board.

d. FY 2020 meeting schedule

The committee agreed to the FY 2020 meeting schedule included in the packet. The committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- July 15, 2019
- October 21, 2019
- January 13, 2020
- April 20, 2020

10. Reports

a. Consortia Committee Chair, consortium reports, RAILS Report

There was no report from the Consortia Committee Chair. Reports from the consortia and RAILS were included in the meeting packet.

b. Report on the systems meeting with CARLI and the Illinois State Library

Ms. Brennan highlighted key points from the April meeting of staff from CARLI, Illinois Heartland Library System, the Illinois State Library, and RAILS.

c. ICOLC meeting report

Ms. Plass shared highlights from the April 2019 meeting of the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC).

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 11:24 a.m.