

RAILS CONSORTIA COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 15, 2019
RAILS Burr Ridge
125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL

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. FY 2020 Committee Representatives

Ms. Plass announced committee representation changes. NIC has merged into PrairieCat and so no longer has separate representation on the committee. More changes are possible, as some consortia will seat new board members at their meetings later in July.

4. Roll Call of Members—Jody Rubel

Burr Ridge: Rebecca Malinowski, Paul Mills, Kendal Orrison, Scott Pointon, Aaron Skog
Phone: Gwen Gregory, Kristine Hammerstrand, Emily Porter, Jennifer Slaney
Absent: Betsy Adamowski

5. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

Burr Ridge: Nincy George, Kate Hall, Grant Halter, Matt Hammermeister, Jane Plass, Jody Rubel, Anne Slaughter
Coal Valley: Carolyn Coulter
East Peoria: Thomas Stagg
Illinois State Library: Gwen Harrison

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

7. Adoption of the Agenda

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

THE RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE ADOPT THE JULY 15, 2019 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

8. Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2019 Consortia Committee Meeting

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

THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 15, 2019 RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business

a. **SimplyE**

Matt Hammermeister updated the committee on Pinnacle's work with the SimplyE app. Pinnacle staff are testing it and will provide feedback to Minitex, which is the lead agency in the SimplyE for Consortia grant project. RAILS is a grant partner with Minitex and Massachusetts Library System. Two other RAILS libraries are also working with Minitex to implement SimplyE. The app holds a lot of promise with its ease of use for patrons. After the grant period ends in 2020, RAILS intends to continue its support for implementing SimplyE. The committee thanked the Pinnacle consortium for taking the lead and testing the SimplyE app. Consortia then reported on mobile apps from ILS vendors and their readiness to release.

b. **Analysis of consortial data**

Grant Halter, RAILS Data Coordinator and Research Analyst, presented an analysis of LLSAP data that outlined similarities and differences among RAILS consortia. The report was not an apples-to-apples comparison (in part because different consortia offer different services), but was intended to encourage discussion about library budgets, OCLC fees, services, value, and return on investment. Data was compiled from RAILS LLSAP grant applications, IPLAR, RAILS standards, and school enrollment information from the Illinois State Board of Education.

10. New Business

a. **Future of SHAREIllinois**

Ms. Slaughter presented an overview of the cooperative SHAREIllinois project. The project is based on informal agreements among RAILS consortia to place interlibrary loan requests through the consortial catalogs. It was announced that SHAREIllinois will be sunset in FY 2021, once the growing Find More Illinois has participating libraries from at least five out of the six RAILS LLSAPs. A dissolution pathway will be devised. LLSAPs participating in SHAREIllinois have recently completed cleanup of the library (institutional) barcodes in their patron databases.

b. **FY 2021 LLSAP support grants**

RAILS now supports six consortia and offers them a mix of services. FY 2021 applications are due August 1, 2019, and consortia will be notified about their FY 2021 support in October 2019. The FY 2021 support allocation formula remains the same as FY 2020. The formula will be revised for FY 2022.

c. **Data privacy**

Mr. Skog led a discussion on patron privacy and third-party vendors. Some consortia have drafted policies that address patron-identifiable information and its use by vendors. Other consortia are looking to adopt similar policies. It was agreed that patron privacy is an important topic and should be discussed further. There was interest in education opportunities and development of best practices.

11. Reports

a. **Consortia Committee Chair**

Appointments of RAILS board members to RAILS committees will be determined at the RAILS board meeting on July 26, 2019.

b. **Exposing Consortial Holdings Working Group**

The Exposing Consortial Holdings Working has met twice and will meet again following the Consortia Committee meeting. The working group has discussed Project X, how out-of-state

libraries update holdings in OCLC, and OCLC usage. The group is preparing a report for the committee to answer the working group charge and make recommendations.

c. Consortium reports

CCS, RSA, and SWAN provided verbal updates. CCS has hired a user experience specialist. RSA is in the process of hiring for two new positions and has heard from some school libraries interested in joining RSA. SWAN has heard from several libraries interested in joining SWAN and is developing an onboarding process.

d. RAILS report

RAILS noted the My Library Is... campaign has received lots of interest.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. by acclamation.