

Universal Service Committee

Membership

Board members, Member library directors and trustees, ISL staff

RAILS staff: Executive Director, Consulting and Continuing Education Director, Member Engagement Manager

Quorum and Voting

A majority of the members on the Universal Service shall constitute a quorum.

Charge

Recognizing the importance of extending service to the approximately 1 million unserved residents in Illinois, 673,689 of which are in RAILS, RAILS has established a task force to explore solutions to the unserved. RAILS adopted a plan in October of 2016 which has been updated but should be reviewed and changed as decided by the committee.

The committee will:

Review the current RAILS plan to serve the unserved and document progress.

Prioritize goals and objectives in the plan and develop appropriate action steps.

Be a voice for the unserved by bringing the issue to the attention of local libraries and boards of trustees.

Develop a thorough understanding of the reasons why there are unserved residents and the implications both for the individuals affected, libraries and Illinois as a whole.

As appropriate, share information and work collaboratively with the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee, ILA Public Policy Committee and ILA Advocacy Committee.

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