

RAILS UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 9, 2021 | 1:00 p.m.

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Susan Busenbark called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

RAILS Burr Ridge: Gail Bush

RAILS East Peoria: Susan Busenbark

Zoom: Beth Teppen, Becky Spratford, Carol Medal, Lynn Stainbrook, Catherine Yanikoski (joined at 1:30 p.m.), Jennifer McIntosh, Patricia Smith

3. Introductions of Guests and Announcements

RAILS Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Stacy Palmisano

Zoom: Greg McCormick, Thomas Stagg (joined at 1:18 p.m.), Anna Duff

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Monica Harris introduced new committee member, Patricia Smith.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Becky Spratford moved and Jennifer McIntosh seconded that the RAILS Board Universal Service Committee approve the September 9, 2021 agenda as presented. Ayes: Susan Busenbark, Beth Teppen, Becky Spratford, Gail Bush, Carol Medal, Lynn Stainbrook, Jennifer McIntosh, Patricia Smith. Nays: None. Absent: Catherine Yanikoski.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Lynn Stainbrook moved and Beth Teppen seconded that the RAILS Board Universal Service Committee approve the June 10, 2021 minutes as presented. Ayes: Beth Teppen, Becky Spratford, Gail Bush, Carol Medal, Lynn Stainbrook, Jennifer McIntosh, Patricia Smith, Susan Busenbark. Nays: None. Absent: Catherine Yanikoski.

7. Update on progress since last meeting

7.1 Multiple Listing Service

Gail Bush received positive feedback from her real estate contact, who agreed to forward a suggestion to MRED (Midwest Real Estate Data LLC) to add whether a home is located in a library district as a category on the listing sheet.

7.2 Library Mergers

Harris said the ILA Public Policy Committee is considering several pieces of legislation from RAILS. Included are library mergers, the state wide database proposal, amendment for Library Cards for Minors, an OMA update that will aid new trustees, library access to broadband support, and e-book pricing regulation. She said we may learn by next month what the Committee moves forward.

7.3 Library Cards for Non-resident Minors

Joe Filapek explained that the Library Cards for Non-resident Minors is a broader legislation that would move beyond the Cards for Kids Act by including all nonresident minors, not just those in the free or reduced lunch category. It applies to persons under the age of eighteen and teachers employed at a school within the public library service. This is not a mandate but would give public library boards an additional option to expand services to minors. It was shared on August 3 with senator Murphy and was met with general appeal and support. Discussion ensued on what affect this would have on libraries.

7.4 School Library Cards and Reciprocal Borrowing

Catherine Yanikoski said even though reciprocal borrowing in schools is allowed, it is not promoted and suggested the committee work to promote it. The committee discussed benefits of schools participating in reciprocal borrowing and addressed possible barriers. Filapek volunteered to bring the topic of student access to the next AISLE meeting.

7.5 Tax Bill Formula Options

Yanikoski reported a possible fourth option for libraries to select something that indicates their library does not have any unserved so they can use the tax bill formula instead of the general formula. She explained that because libraries with greater funding use the general formula, it adversely affects less funded libraries. Another option is looking into zoning: avoid having higher budget libraries in the same zone as lower budget libraries where possible. Yanikoski will further research these options.

8. Legislative Update Since Last Meeting

8.1 Cards for Kids (PA 101-632)

Greg McCormick said the administrative rules (including 9.1 and 9.2) were completed since the last meeting and the FAQ sheet should be available tomorrow. He also informed that the Illinois State Library has been working with a company called Geomap to create a map that will help public library districts ascertain what their service populations are for Census. The map will provide a closer look at the demographics of unserved areas. Hopefully it will be ready to view by October.

8.2 E-Resources Card

Discussed under 8.1

8.3 Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption Discussed under 8.1

8.4 Statewide database proposal

RAILS is continuing to monitor the statewide database proposal progress. It was mentioned that the language in the proposal could better emphasize how the database would reach the unserved population in Illinois. Communicating the importance of ensuring every person has access to basic information was also mentioned.

9. Discussion of short and long term goals and strategy

Harris listed the meeting's action items:

- Bush updates regarding changes to multiple listing service
- RAILS updates on Public Policy Committee priorities
- Approach AISLE about reciprocal borrowing in schools
- Look into fourth method for fee calculations and zoning
- Emphasize how statewide database would help the unserved

The importance of continuing with short term, incremental changes but also looking into a long term, overall model to address the unserved population in Illinois was discussed.

10. Next Steps

Discussed under item 9.

11. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

Busenbark announced that the next RAILS Board Universal Service Committee meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2021.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.