

**VIRTUAL MEETING
RAILS CONSORTIA COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 18, 2022
125 Tower Drive
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Paul Mills RAILS Consortia Committee Chair welcomed everyone at 10:01 a.m. and called the meeting to order. Mills read the following statement:

In accordance with the government emergency administrative Act PA100-0640, the RAILS Board of Directors finds an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent and believes it is in the best interest of RAILS to hold a virtual meeting to perform essential business. This meeting will be recorded as per the statutory requirements.

2. Roll Call of Committee Members

RAILS Administrative Assistant Jody Rubel called roll.

Burr Ridge: Matt Hammermeister, Paul Mills, Alex Vancina, Karen Voitik

East Peoria: Kendal Orrison

Telephone/Zoom: Dawn Bussey, Emily Faulkner, Kristine Hammerstrand, Rebecca Malinowski, Jennifer Slaney

Absent: Scott Pointon

3. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

Burr Ridge: Deirdre Brennan, (ex-officio); Jody Rubel, Anne Slaughter, (ex-officio)

East Peoria: Tom Stagg

Telephone/Zoom: Nincy George, Kate Hall, Grant Halter, Monica Harris, Gwen Harrison, Mark Hatch, Leila Heath, Katherine Henc, Jennifer Masciadrelli, Aaron Skog, Cassandra Thompson

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Consent Agenda

Vancina moved, and Voitik seconded that,

THE RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE APPROVE THE APRIL 18, 2022, CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dawn Bussey, Emily Faulkner, Matt Hammermeister Kristine Hammerstrand, Rebecca Malinowski, Paul Mills, Kendal Orrison, Jennifer Slaney, Alex Vancina, Karen Voitik

The motion carried.

6. Reports

6.1. Consortia Committee Chair

No report.

6.2. LLSAP Sustainability Working Group

RAILS staff are reviewing the three consultant proposals received. RAILS staff will bring a recommendation to the May 16 meeting.

6.3. Consortium reports

Mills thanked everyone for submitting the reports.

6.4. RAILS report

No further discussion.

7. New Business

7.1. FY2023 Meeting Schedule

Hammermeister moved, and Malinowski seconded that,

THE RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FY2023 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dawn Bussey, Emily Faulkner, Matt Hammermeister Kristine Hammerstrand, Rebecca Malinowski, Paul Mills, Kendal Orrison, Jennifer Slaney, Alex Vancina, Karen Voitik

The motion carried.

7.2. Discussion of potential delivery route adjustments

Hatch shared RAILS contracted with GeoMARC, formerly LASA, to identify routing efficiencies at the East Peoria hub. Hatch asked for feedback on a plan to have some libraries on different routes on different days of the week and explained that once a schedule is determined, there would be consistency week to week. Committee members felt there would be no major impact on consortia, but libraries will need to adjust to fluctuating delivery times.

7.3. CCS data projects

CCS Executive Director Rebecca Malinowski presented findings on two data projects completed by staff. The studies focused on patron behavior, holds, and resource sharing; and a DEI collection analysis audit tool. The findings revealed valuable information for standardizing policies and new item hold types, identifying 1:1 holds thresholds dates, insight on library specific practices, and assumptions about patron behavior. Committee members expressed interest in analyzing similar data within their own consortium for standardizing policies and item hold types.

The DEI collection analysis tool is intended to assist libraries in making effective collection development decisions, and features tools for subject data representation within a collection and geographical subject headings.

7.4. RAILCAR LLSAP data collection project

Halter summarized the idea of RAILCAR, which originated from discussions with the LLSAP Sustainability Working Group and the need for some type of benchmarking instrument to help libraries make informed decisions when considering joining a LLSAP. It became clear that the data would be valuable in different areas. The instrument will be modeled after the IPLAR and will collect information not captured in the ZILLANE report or elsewhere. IHLS expressed interest in participating and sharing data.

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. Update on RAILS World Language Cataloging Services

George updated the committee on RAILS World Language Cataloging services, which were established because of the need for specialized cataloging in this area and officially launched in January 2022. It is open to statewide system members at no cost and is funded by a grant from the Illinois State Library. The service is designed to supplement cataloging and not meant to replace local cataloging. See the RAILS website for more information and a complete list of eligible materials and formats. <https://www.railslibraries.info/services/cataloging-world-languages>.

8.2. Find More Illinois update

Slaughter shared the first round of incentive program promotion generated a lot of interest. The transition to a union list project from Z39.50 is complete and improves search results and the user experience. With the transition complete, the next step is to broadly promote the incentive program. The incentive program waives one-time set up fees, and invoicing of annual fees will commence in July 2023. Brennan added RAILS is exploring affordable ILS options for nonautomated and under-automated libraries.

9. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the Next RAILS Board Consortia Committee Meeting

Agenda item for the July 18, 2022 meeting will include an update on the LLSAP Sustainability Working Group consultant decision.

10. Adjournment

At 11:46 a.m., Mills adjourned the meeting.