

**RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, May 9, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Ruhnke, chairperson, greeted members and called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

## 2. Roll Call of Committee Members

Palmisano called the roll of the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee.

Zoom/Telephone: Keith Barlog, Lois Bruno, Dianne Hollister, Kristine Kenney, Ryan Livergood, Sia Paganis, Michelle Roubal, Charm Ruhnke.

Absent: Brian Chase, Jeanne Modelski

## 3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements

Ruhnke read the following: In accordance with the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, 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.

Guests in Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Stacy Palmisano (designated notetaker), Anne Slaughter

Guests in attendance via Zoom: Deirdre Brennan, Karen Goyer, Leila Heath, Gwen Harrison, Mark Hatch (joined at 10:22), Tom Stagg

## 4. Public Comments

There were no public comments

## 5. Consent Agenda

## 5.1 Adoption of the Agenda

## 5.2 Approval of the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Minutes of February 14, 2022

Hollister moved to approve the consent agenda. Barlog seconded and a roll call was taken; Ayes: Keith Barlog, Lois Bruno, Dianne Hollister, Kristine Kenney, Ryan Livergood, Sia Paganis Michelle Roubal, Charm Ruhnke. Nays: none

## 6. Reports

## 6.1. RAILS Report

Kenney, Livergood and Roubal have ended their terms on the Resource Sharing Committee and will not continue for another two-year term. Harris thanked the three members for their service on the committee. Roubal acknowledged that she has been on the committee for the last four years and recognized that another academic library should have the opportunity to share their voice. Roubal announced that as of today Joliet Junior College will start offering community library cards to school district #525 students. Harris noted from the RAILS Report that there are new deals and discounts available to the RAILS membership. ConsortiaManager (CM) is a new online resource designed specifically to help RAILS with member communications related to our group purchases. The vendor has made several modifications to accommodate the RAILS environment; the build will continue through the spring. Harris reported that the

expanded Cards for Kids Act passed in both Illinois houses and the bill is waiting for Governor Pritzker's signature.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1. Overview of Find More Illinois

Slaughter, RAILS Director of Technology Services, gave the committee an overview and highlights on Find More Illinois (FMI). The program was established in 2018 with 21 libraries but the pandemic limited the growth. A significant financial incentive was developed with Auto-Graphics, the FMI vendor, of waiving the one time set up fees. Also, included in the incentive is that no annual fees will be billed for any participants (current and new) until July 1, 2023. The incentive has been successful and will continue until March 2023. As of today, there are a total of 50 libraries participating in FMI. Enhanced borrowing was rolled out in February. This optional and free service forwards unfilled borrower requests to the RAILS' OCLC WorldShare account where RAILS staff place the request. This is especially helpful for FMI members without OCLC. Slaughter reported that RAILS has worked with Auto-Graphics to offer a limited service consortial implementation of the Verso software free of charge to those libraries that are nonautomated or under-automated. There is no timeline for promotion or implementation of the Verso software, but RAILS is moving forward with planning. Another future addition to FMI is the implementation of Auto-Graphics' Interstate Sharing Initiative (ISSI). Roughly targeted for late 2022, ISSI would enable out-of-state borrowing and lending through SHAREit for libraries that opt in. RAILS will explore the potential for delivery handoff with neighboring states that participate in ISSI. Brennan explained that FMI was started as an alternative for libraries that could not afford to be in a Local Library System Automation Program (LLSAP). Many libraries waited and watched the progress of FMI and now RAILS is looking toward the Resource Sharing Committee to advocate and promote FMI, which has the potential to be a statewide catalog. The committee's advice and support are needed to continue to grow FMI.

### 7.2. Replacement of Committee Members as Terms Expire

Harris discussed the committee term expirations and the committee charge, which lists how committee representatives are selected. As previously discussed in the meeting under agenda 6.1, three committee members, Kenney, Livergood and Roubal will end their terms after today's meeting. Three new committee members will be added starting in FY2023, which will be at the next committee meeting in August. Paganis suggested that a representative from a high school that participates in FMI would be a valuable addition. There was a conversation about in-person and virtual Zoom meetings that may have an impact on the ability for some members to attend the meetings. RAILS will follow the Open Meetings Act (OMA) guidelines for all committee meetings which allows members to join a meeting from a public location, such as a public library through Zoom. Ruhnke asked the committee to email her any candidate suggestions.

### 7.3. FY2023 Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that the committee will continue to meet quarterly on the second Monday of the month.

Hollister moved to approve the FY2023 RAILS Consortia Committee draft meeting schedule. Kenney seconded and a roll call was taken; Ayes: Keith Barlog, Lois Bruno, Dianne Hollister, Kristine Kenney, Ryan Livergood, Sia Paganis Michelle Roubal, Charm Ruhnke. Nays: none

The approved dates are August 8, 2022, November 14, 2022, February 13, 2023, and May 8, 2023. All meetings will be scheduled from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

#### 7.4. Update Committee Priorities as to Strategic Plan

Harris discussed the RAILS Strategic Plan as to how it relates to resource sharing and this committee. *Strategic Goal #1: RAILS provides leadership in ensuring sustainable, equitable resource sharing for all member libraries.* There are four objectives under this goal.

Objective 1: Enhance the sharing of knowledge and best practices through member networking and communications between all types of libraries.

Objective 2: Leverage economies of scale to provide greater purchasing power for member libraries so they can offer more resources to their users than libraries would be able to afford on their own.

Objective 3: RAILS will continue to seek greater efficiencies, innovations, and enhancements to delivery services

Objective 4: Work collaboratively with members, the Illinois Heartland Library System, and the Illinois State Library to identify and support appropriate and affordable shared catalog solutions and expand resource sharing to all libraries and residents.

The Resource Sharing Committee will focus on the list of objectives as the priorities for the upcoming 2023 fiscal year. The committee will give valuable feedback to RAILS with their opinion, advise, support, and direction of projects.

#### 7.5. Materials Challenges

Harris discussed the current environment of materials challenges. ALA has tracked material challenges and so far, 2022 has ranked the highest on record. A pulse page was created on the RAILS website titled [Materials Challenges](#), Harris reviewed the page and the resources available. RAILS strongly supports the Association of Illinois School Library Educator's (AISLE) efforts to oppose attempts to censor or remove books from school libraries. AISLE's recent statement on censorship can be found on the pulse page. Committee members shared recent issues they have heard about on this topic or have experienced at their libraries. Hollister noted an incident about a book display that raised questions from a patron that escalated to the board meeting. Paganis said that earlier this year school libraries in Illinois were issued a FOIA request of a list of materials that potentially were in their collections. Barlog has seen an increase with challenges being requested to the library for reconsideration. Ruhnke has seen staff members requesting more inclusive types of materials. Many libraries are waiting to see if objections will happen and expecting an issue in the near future. The political climate within the country has seen an increase in challenges. RAILS will continue to watch this issue and will keep the pulse page up to date.

8. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the Next RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting  
Ruhnke gave a review of the meeting. There was a discussion on the progress of Find More Illinois and the need for the committee to advocate for the program. Three members will cycle off of the committee and three new members will be selected to join the August meeting. FY2023 committee priorities will focus on the RAILS new strategic plan in regard to resource sharing, and there was a good discussion on the topic of materials challenges. The next meeting will be on August 8, 2022, from 10:00-12:00 pm. On the agenda will be a presentation on delivery.

#### 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.