

RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 14, 2022 | 10:00 am

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order
Spratford, Chairperson, greeted the members and called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
2. Roll Call of Committee Members
Palmisano called the roll of the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee.
Present via Zoom: Keith Barlog, Lois Bruno, Guillermo Gasca, Dianne Hollister, Julie Milavec, Annie Miskewitch, Jeanne Modelski, Becky Spratford
Absent: Sia Paganis
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements
Spratford 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)
Guests in attendance via ZOOM: Leila Heath, Gwen Harrison, Mark Hatch, Tom Stagg, Anne Slaughter, Barb Miller, Eric Bain
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 August 8, 2022
Miskewitch moved to approve the consent agenda. Hollister seconded and a roll call was taken;
Ayes: Keith Barlog, Lois Bruno, Guillermo Gasca, Dianne Hollister, Julie Milavec, Annie Miskewitch, Jeanne Modelski, Becky Spratford. Nays: none
6. Reports
 - 6.1. RAILS Report
Harris gave a summary of the RAILS Report. RAILS attended the Illinois Library Association (ILA) conference in October as well as the Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) conference held in November. Ancei Glink law firm provided RAILS with an FAQ to give guidance to members on the Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. Heath announced that the Museum of Science and Industry recently joined Explore More Illinois (EMI) as an attraction. Jessica Barnes, Special Projects Librarian at RAILS has met with Museums in the Park, a coalition of Chicago museums, and hopes to have several more Chicago museums join EMI in the near future. Hatch is coordinating a tour of the Bolingbrook delivery hub with members of Library Administrators of Northern Illinois (LACONI).

7. Find More Illinois

Slaughter gave a brief update on Find More Illinois (FMI). Currently, there are 60 participants in FMI. There are two special libraries interested in joining, making them the first special libraries in FMI. There is a trend in FMI with k-12 schools joining. Slaughter encouraged committee members to view the two new promo videos produced by RAILS that are found on the FMI website, findmoreillinois.org. Barb Miller was introduced to the committee as the new RAILS Consortial Services Supervisor for FMI.

8. New Business

8.1. Current State of Resource Sharing

The committee members participated in a series of questions regarding the state of resource sharing. A common response surrounded the lack of bandwidth by leadership and staff. E-resource purchasing was expanded during the pandemic and has not seen much of a decrease in demand, though the cost has increased. Most libraries have seen an increase in foot traffic and circulation, with one committee member reporting that their library recently had the highest circulation numbers than even pre-pandemic. Committee members talked about FMI and the status of their libraries with the program.

9. Old Business

9.1. Resource Sharing Plan Feedback

Harris shared the RAILS Resource Sharing Plan that was drafted and approved in 2018. There were no changes suggested at the meeting. RAILS staff and the RAILS Board Policy Committee will look over the plan and make possible updates. Once any revisions are made, there will be an opportunity for the Resource Sharing Committee to give their input.

10. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the Next RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting

On the agenda for the February 13, 2023 meeting will be a continued look at vendor deals and discounts, a report on the RAILS School Data Project, and an update on the Statewide Online Educational Resource Program.

11. Adjournment

Spratford adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am.