

RAILS CONSORTIA COMMITTEE

Monday, October 17, 2022

125 Tower Drive

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Thomas Stagg, RAILS Consortia Committee Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Stagg 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

Burr Ridge: Megan, Millen, Thomas Stagg, Karen Voitik

Coal Valley: Carolyn Coulter

East Peoria: Alissa Williams

Telephone/Zoom: Rebecca Malinowski, Jen Masciadrelli, Jennifer Slaney, Aaron Skog

Absent: Emily Faulkner

3. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

Stagg welcomed new Committee Members Megan Millen and Tim Jarzemsky.

Burr Ridge: Deirdre Brennan, (ex-officio); Kate Hall, Matt Hammermeister, Monica Harris, Jody Rubel, Anne Slaughter, (ex-officio)

Telephone/Zoom: Eric Bain, Gwen Harrison, Leila Heath, Ryan Hebel, Tim Jarzemsky, Stacy Palmisano

Slaughter clarified procedural steps to transfer voting authority to the alternate consortium representative.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1. Adoption of the Agenda

5.2. Approval of Minutes of the July 18, 2022 Consortia Committee Meeting

Voitik moved, and Malinowski seconded, that

The RAILS Board Consortia Committee approve the October 17, 2022 Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried.

6. Reports

6.1. Consortia Committee Chair

No report.

6.2. Consortium reports

Orrison shared primary and short-term paths moving towards consortium independence. An Executive Committee was formed to oversee the transition. RSA and RAILS are working together on the legal and financial aspects and pursuing intra-consortia talks.

6.3. RAILS report

No further discussion.

6.4. Resource Sharing Committee report

Harris noted report key points from the document included in the meeting packet. The committee is looking at their strategic plan. Next meeting is November 14.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Find More Illinois update

Slaughter reported Find More Illinois is growing steadily with current participation at 56 libraries reflecting a 62% increase from last year. Libraries are reaching out weekly for more information. Pinnacle libraries are now live. Activity is up 53% and holdings are now over four million. The incentive period has been extended through June 30, 2023. RAILS has hired a Consortial Services Supervisor to oversee the Find More Illinois day-to-day leadership and implement the Verso ILS services for non-automated or under-automated libraries. Brennan added that Find More Illinois has received interest from schools. Staff would announce an updated list of libraries that are now live in Find More Illinois soon.

8. New Business

8.1. Universal Service Committee update

Brennan reported on the committee's effort to change the real estate Multiple Listing Service information that would include details whether a particular home is in a library service area. The committee received letters of support from Illinois State Library, Illinois Heartland Library System, Illinois Library Association, and RAILS to submit to Midwest Real Estate Data. The hope is that the information is readily available for homebuyers when purchasing real estate. ILA's PPC Committee is supportive of a Statewide Online Education Resources proposal. Research is being completed on alternate funding avenues for cards for kids. Brennan noted libraries are implementing the expanded Cards for Kids. ISLAC is establishing a universal service task force.

8.2. Committee big picture goals discussion

Members suggested ideas surrounding cybersecurity, paper libraries, automated delivery labels, and the consortium's role in unserved areas. The members expressed interest in centralized cataloging services where expertise areas could be developed and build collaboration opportunities. It was also suggested to expand staff representation on the Resource Sharing Committee and hear from the ICOLC Strategies for Open Collaboration in Library Consortia Task Force on the findings in their report.

**9. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the Next RAILS Board Consortia Committee Meeting
January 23, 2023**

Agenda items for the January 23, 2023 meeting:

- ICOLC Report
- Cataloging Services Collaboration report
- Paper libraries follow up

Stagg thanked Deirdre Brennan for her leadership as it is Brennan's last meeting before retirement.

10. Adjournment

At 11:03 a.m., Stagg adjourned the meeting.