RAILS BOARD RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 8, 2023 │10:00 am

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order
   Spratford called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

2. Roll Call of Committee Members
   Murray called roll of committee members.
   Present in Burr Ridge: Julie Milavec
   Present via Zoom: Guillermo Gasca, Jeanne Modelski, Sia Paganis, Becky Spratford
   Absent: Lois Bruno, Keith Barlog, Dianne Hollister, Annie Miskewitch

3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements
   Guests in Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Leila Heath, Barb Miller, Mary Kate Murray, Anne Slaughter
   Guests via Zoom: Gwen Harrison, Mark Hatch, Ryan Hebel, Brian Smith

4. Public Comments (Submit public comments in advance to mary.murray@railslibraries.info to be read aloud during the public comment period.)
   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 11, 2023
   Modelski moved to adopt the consent agenda. Milavec seconded. The motion was unanimously approved upon a roll-call vote.
   Ayes: Gasca, Milavec, Modelski, Paganis, Spratford.
   Nays: None.

6. Reports
   6.1. RAILS Report
   Harris reported on the success of the executive director meet-and-greets and networking events that have taken place over the last quarter. Harris highlighted new RAILS member benefits through the Adler Planetarium IMLS grant. Explore More Illinois is up to 54 attractions and is looking currently in the process of migrating some attractions from Chicago Public Library's paper museum pass program into Explore More Illinois. Harris noted the update to the eRead Illinois fee structure change, and that eRead renewals have been consistent.

6.2. Find More Illinois Report

Miller reported that three libraries signed agreements with Find More Illinois, three libraries have gone live within the program, 55 libraries renewed their membership, and three libraries declined renewal. Slaughter noted that one-time set-up fees will be waived for any libraries that join Find More Illinois between now and December 2023. Slaughter also discussed the early-stage plans for an expansion of the Find More Illinois program that will involve implementation of Auto-Graphics' ILS software, Verso, at non- or under-automated libraries to allow them access to Find More Illinois' online catalog. Slaughter stated the goal is to have proof-of-concept for this project by the end of FY24 and to expand from there. Paganis asked if Find More Illinois will have a presence at the School Library Conference in October, 2023. Harris suggested putting Find More Illinois on the agenda for an upcoming AISLE meeting, and Paganis proposed creating an informational webinar for AISLE staff and school libraries about Find More Illinois.

7. New Business

7.1. New RAILS Website Walkthrough

Smith gave a walkthrough of the RAILS website that debuted in March, 2023, with particular attention paid to the updated menu structure, the "my favorites" feature, and the Resource Sharing section of the website, which includes catalog support, deals and discounts, interlibrary loan delivery, e-content projects, grants, and nonresident/universal services. Smith also highlighted the Library Exchange and About RAILS sections of the website. RAILS is looking forward to adding the capability to create more customizable reports via L2. Spratford and Harrison mentioned the integration with L2 accounts as a favorite aspect of the new RAILS website. Harris noted the new RAILS Member Center for different library types also being a highlight for members.

7.2. Statewide Online Educational Resource Program Update

Harris reported that at the most recent statewide public policy committee meeting, Derek Blaida of ILA reported a shortfall of revenue across the state. Secretary of State, Alexi Giannoulias, proposed in his original budget a $5 million ask for a statewide database solution in House Bill 4016, which has not yet passed. There will be challenges to a statewide database program due to the variety of library types that need to be covered, but the Illinois State Library is cautiously optimistic about the bill. The Secretary of State Transitions Team was composed of librarians from all library types and maintained the importance of a Statewide Online Educational Resource Program. The proposed budget is based on similar programs surrounding states. Harris emphasized that individual library budgeting processes should not change based on the Secretary of State's proposed budget as that budget has not yet passed.

7.3. Disaster proclamation ends on May 11, 2023 (Discussion Only)

As of May 11, 2023, the Gubernatorial Emergency Proclamation will end and remote meetings will no longer be allowed per the Open Meetings Act. Committee members will need to attend meetings in a publicly accessible room in a public building where an agenda can be posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. All RAILS Service Centers are available for meeting attendance. Murray will be sending out information regarding the procedures for in-person meeting attendance and travel reimbursement. Harris emphasized the importance of communicating with the RAILS administrative team far in advance to ensure a quorum.

7.4. Member Terms
Murray will reach out to committee members who have approaching term expirations to confirm whether terms will be renewed. The Resource Sharing Committee chair will be named once RAILS has a board president is set for FY24. Committee members who cannot fulfill the remainder of their term are encouraged to let RAILS know.

7.5. Format of Future Meetings and Committee Goals
Goals for the coming fiscal year are to continue focusing on Find More Illinois and the Statewide Online Educational Resources Program. The Resource Sharing Committee goals will remain aligned with the RAILS Strategic Plan, Strategic Goal 1: Resource Sharing. Any feedback to encourage active participation in FY24 can be sent to Harris, Spratford, or Murray.

7.6. FY 2024 Meeting Schedule
Monday morning meetings work for the current committee members. A tentative date for next meeting is set for August 7, 2023, at 10:00 am.

8. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building
Tentative agenda items for the next meeting will be updates on Find More Illinois and the Statewide Online Educational Resources Program, and an overview of the FY24 RAILS Operational Plan.
A notice will be sent to committee members regarding the Statewide Online Educational Resources Program if the state budget passes before the next meeting.

9. Adjournment
The next RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee meeting is tentatively set for August 7, 2023, at 10:00 am. Spratford adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.