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RAILS Board Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Robin Helenthal

The next meeting is November 9, 2023.

Consortia Committee Report - Chair Thomas Stagg

The Consortia Committee met on October 16, 2023. The next meeting will be on January 22, 2024. Mark Hatch provided an overview of RAILS's Delivery Service, including service area, statewide collaboration, current challenges, the delivery count, and online resources for members. Halter gave insight into how the Delivery volume data has changed since 2015 as data reporting has become more accurate. Dixon demonstrated the newly implemented Delivery app, which includes a pre-route inspection form, a route pickup data entry tool, and easy access to the RAILS accident form. Hatch asked consortia to consider emphasizing the importance of the Delivery count to member libraries. Committee members discussed how LLSAPs can help RAILS eliminate the hand Delivery count, and what challenges stand in the way of creating a standard method for Delivery data collection across the state.

EDI Committee Report - Chair Dianne Hollister

The committee meeting September 19, 2023. The next meeting is December 12, 2023. Seven new committee members and two new ex-officio members were introduced to the committee. All committee members had the opportunity to talk a little about themselves and their interest in equity, diversity, and inclusion work. There were reports from RAILS and the work by the Climate Team, the BIPOC Library Workers Networking Group, the IACRL DEI Committee, and also a report from the ILA Diversity Committee. There was a conversation on the committee charge, which was last updated in 2020. Suggested changes were made and an updated draft version of the charge will be presented at the December meeting for further review. Both the meeting format and the FY2024 meeting schedule was approved. Joe Filapek talked about Freedom Lifted, an online learning platform that offers a self-paced asynchronous course with a focus on social justice. A landing page for Freedom Lifted will appear on the RAILS website for RAILS' member library staff to access the training. Once available, Filapek will provide a link for the committee members to review and provide feedback on the training.

Executive Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

There are no upcoming meetings at this time.

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Policy Committee Report – Gwen Gregory

The committee will meet Friday, November 3, 2023 and set a schedule for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Resource Sharing Committee Report - Chair Becky Spratford

The next meeting is November 13, 2023.

Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Alice Creason

The next meeting is December 7, 2023.

Nominating Committee Report - Chair Thomas Stagg

The committee will be appointed by the RAILS President and convene in March. Meetings will be held from March through June as needed.