

**RAILS BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, April 21, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Alex Vancina, Committee Chair of the RAILS Board Nominating Committee Meeting called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025 at the RAILS Burr Ridge Service Center.

2. Roll Call of Committee Members

Fister called the roll of the committee members:

RAILS East Peoria: Tom Stagg

RAILS Burr Ridge: Alex Vancina, Kathy Clark, Julie Milavec

Via Zoom: Stephanie Nissen

3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements

Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Dan Bostrom, Emily Fister-designated note taker

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

5.1 Adoption of the Agenda

5.2 Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2025 meeting

Milavec moved for the adoption of the consent agenda, Clark seconded, and a roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Clark, Milavec, Nissen, Stagg, Vancina. Nays: none.

6. Review Election Process

Bostrom reviewed the simple election process of one vote per RAILS member. The election will run from Wednesday, May 8 at 8 a.m. through Friday, May 23 at 11:59 p.m. The election will be advertised in the RAILS enews and mail lists. As each member gets one vote, usually the director votes, sometimes in conjunction with a board president. Brian Smith, RAILS webmaster, reviews the counts to ensure that no member gets two votes. We will also send out a reminder flyer to all RAILS members, including an "I voted" sticker with the idea of encouraging posting photos on social media. Bostrom contacts AISLE and ILA and networking groups, asking them to share in their newsletters and communications to their members. He said usually RAILS has 15-20% participation in the election, with Public Libraries about 75%.

7. Review nominations and discuss the proposed ballot

Harris reported that seventeen nominations were received for this election.

- four candidates for two open at-large seats
- eleven candidates for two 3-year term and one 2-year term public library trustee seats
- one candidate for one open specialized library seat.

She said that we know that the great response in nominations is due to your personal efforts as well as the RAILS promotional efforts. We are especially glad to receive the eleven candidates for the public library trustee seats as historically those are harder to fill.

The ballot will include the candidates' pictures and answers to questions from the nomination form as well as the videos. The ballot "randomizes" the candidates, putting them in different order every time someone logs in. A statement on the ballot will inform the voters of the randomizing aspect of the ballot.

The Committee discussed the issue regarding two candidates from the same library. With so many candidates there is also a possibility of a tie. It was suggested that Harris let both candidates know of the situation and the procedure in case of a tie.

The candidates are contacted after the Nominating Committee verifies the election results, and are only told the results, never the numbers or vote count.

As Committee Chair, Alex Vancina will be prepared for the coin flip in the event of a tie as outlined in the RAILS Bylaws.

8. Agenda Topics for Next Nominating Committee Meeting

Vancina reported at the next meeting, the committee will verify the election results and propose a slate of officers for RAILS Board election. Harris said the slate includes the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Bylaws state that no one person can serve in the same officer position of the Executive Committee for more than two consecutive years. Currently, our Treasurer has served two years in that position. Last year, Tom Stagg contacted the current Board members asking for their interest in serving as officers. We will have a full list of eligibility for the next meeting. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

9. Adjourn

Vancina adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.