



DATE: Friday, June 17, 2026
TO: RAILS Board of Directors
FROM: Monica Harris, Executive Director
SUBJECT: RAILS Board Member Committee Assignments

As part of your RAILS Board service, each board member is required to serve on at least one committee. Every year, we review the current makeup of each committee in anticipation of the newly elected RAILS Board President taking office at the July meeting.

The RAILS Board President appoints all necessary committees, and we make every effort to have all committee seats filled by the August RAILS Board meeting.

The upcoming meeting is an opportunity for you to review the current committee list and ask questions about the work of each group in anticipation of these upcoming assignments. We have also included the draft schedule of each committee (where available) for your convenience.

If you would like to further explore the scope of specific committees ahead of time, you can find more information (including past meeting minutes and current committee charges) on the [RAILS website](#).

I look forward to our additional discussion on this at our July meeting.

FY2027 RAILS Committee Lists

Executive Committee

Admin: Stacy Palmisano
President: Catherine Yanikoski
Vice President: Amanda Kowalcze
Secretary: Emily Porter
Treasurer: Megan Gove
At Large Seat: **Open**

Ethics, FOIA & OMA Officers

Ethics: Jennifer Cutshall
FOIA: **Open**
OMA: **Open**

Advocacy Committee

No Term Limits
Admin: Alice Grabowski
RAILS Lead: Monica Harris
Chairperson: open
Board Members: (2 minimum)

- Ron Holohan
- Emily Porter (Special Library)
- Karen Voitik
- **Open**
- **Open**

Members:

- Stephanie Nissen (Academic)
- Monica Caldicott (School Library)
- Jean Carroll (Public Library)

Ex Officio:

- Board President, Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Dan Bostrom

Consortia Committee

No Term Limits
Admin: Alice Grabowski
RAILS Lead: Anne Slaughter
Chairperson: open
Board Members: (one additional)

- Megan Gove
- **Open**

Members:

- Elizabeth Clarage, CARLI Rep
- Martin Kong, CARLI Alternate
- Kate Hall, CCS Rep
- Rebecca Malinowski, CCS Alternate
- Paul Mills, Pinnacle Rep
- Matt Hammermeister, Pinnacle Alternate
- Jason Shirley, PrairieCat Rep
- Carolyn Coulter, PrairieCat Alternate
- Jennifer Slaney, RRLC Rep
- Antony Deter, RSA Rep
- Open, RSA Alternate
- Aaron Skog, SWAN Rep
- Laura Van Cleve, SWAN Alternate

Ex Officio:

- Board President, Cassandra Thompson (IHLS), Anne Slaughter (RAILS), Jennifer Baugh (SHARE)

FY2027 RAILS Committee Lists

Nominating Committee

One-Year Term

Admin: Stacy Palmisano

RAILS Lead: Monica Harris

Chairperson: open

Board Members: (one additional)

- Open

Members: 4

- Open
- Open
- Open
- Open

Policy Committee

One-Year Term

Admin: Mary Kate Murray

RAILS Lead: Monica Harris

Chairperson: open

Board Members: (5)

- Jennifer Cutshall
- Amanda Kowalcze
- Carolyn Sennett
- Open
- Open

Ex Officio:

Board President, Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Sam Daly

Resource Sharing Committee

Two-Year Term

Admin: Gwen Gemmell

RAILS Lead: Joe Filapek

Chairperson: open

Board Members: (one additional)

- Karen Voitik

Members:

- Open
- Open
- Open
- Open
- Jesse Henning, Term Expires: June 30, 2027
- Kelly McCully, Term Expires: June 30, 2028

Ex Officio: Board President, Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Mark Hatch, Leila Heath, Anne Slaughter, Leslie Bednar (IHLS)

Universal Service Committee

No Term Limits

Admin: Liana Hirner/Stacy Palmisano

RAILS Lead: Joe Filapek

Chairperson: open

Board Members: (2 minimum)

- Jennifer Cutshall
- Roberta Parks

Members:

- Brooke Sievers
- Alissa Williams
- Open
- Open

Ex Officio: Board President, Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Kate Niehoff

RAILS Board Advocacy Committee FY27 Meeting Schedule

Bi-monthly Meetings

Usually on the second Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm

Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 3:30 pm

Thursday, **October 15**, 2026, at 3:30 pm (10/8 ILA)

Thursday, December 10, 2026, at 3:30 pm

Thursday, February 11, 2027, at 3:30 pm

Thursday, April 8, 2027, at 3:30 pm

Thursday, **June 3 or 10**, 2027, at 3:30 pm (Universal Service 6/11)



RAILS Board Consortia Committee FY27 Meeting Schedule

Quarterly Meetings

Usually on the second Monday of the month at 10:00 am

Monday, July 13, 2026, at 10:00 am

Monday, November 9, 2026, at 10:00 am

Monday, February 8, 2027, at 10:00 am

Monday, May 10, 2027, at 10:00 am

RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee FY2027 Meeting Schedule (DRAFT)

Quarterly Meetings

Usually on the second Monday of the month at 10:00am

Monday, September 14, 2026, at 10:00am

Monday, December 14, 2026, at 10:00am

Monday, March 8, 2027, at 10:00am

Monday, June 21, 2027, at 10:00am

RAILS Board Universal Service Committee FY 2027 Meeting Schedule

Quarterly Meetings

Friday, September 4th, 10 am-12 pm

Friday, December 4th, 1-3 pm

Friday, March 19th, 1-3 pm

Friday, June 11th, 1-3 pm