

RAILS CONSORTIA COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 15, 2018
RAILS Burr Ridge
125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Paul Mills, RAILS Consortia Committee Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

2. Designation of Minute Taker

Jody Rubel, RAILS Administrative Assistant, was designated minute taker.

3. Roll Call of Members

Burr Ridge: Gwen Gregory, Rebecca Malinowski, Paul Mills (left at 11:28 a.m.), Scott Pointon, Aaron Skog

East Peoria: Kendal Orrison

Phone: Emily Porter, Jennifer Slaney

Absent: Betsy Adamowski, Kristine Hammerstrand, Jane Lenser

4. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

Burr Ridge: Deirdre Brennan (*ex officio*), Kate Hall, Matt Hammermeister, Jane Plass (*ex officio*), Jody Rubel, Anne Slaughter (*ex officio*), Rich Wolff

Coal Valley: Carolyn Coulter

IHLS Edwardsville: Cassandra Thompson

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Pointon moved, and Ms. Gregory seconded, that

THE RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED TO MOVE ITEM 9A (RAILS CONSORTIAL SUPPORT GRANTS) AFTER ITEM 7 (APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES).

The motion carried.

7. Approval of Minutes of the July 23, 2018 Consortia Committee Meeting

Mr. Skog moved, and Ms. Malinowski seconded, that

THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 23, 2018 RAILS BOARD CONSORTIA COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

8. New Business

a. FY2019 committee membership changes

Gwen Harrison is now the Illinois State Library's *ex officio* representative on the committee.

To correct an error on the agenda, it was noted that Aaron Skog is the SWAN voting representative and Rich Wolff the alternate. Future agendas will reflect the correction.

b. Consortial governance structures

Committee members discussed the benefits and barriers of different governance model structures. The conversation included:

- Impact on the decision-making process
- Board size, representation, and obtaining a meeting quorum
- Roles of advisory committees, user groups, and other types of committees in relationship to the board

9. Unfinished Business

a. RAILS consortial support grants

Ms. Brennan referred to the FY2020 Consortia Grants document included in the meeting packet. She thanked everyone for their hard work on evolving the consortial support grants to be more inclusive, rational, equitable, and transparent. Committee members stated that they appreciated RAILS efforts in transforming the grant process. There was a brief discussion on future in-kind services that may be offered.

Data on the value and benefits of joining a consortium is difficult to find. RAILS plans to do research in this area.

b. LLSAP membership grants

Ms. Slaughter noted that the first application deadline for FY2019 LLSAP membership grants is October 17, 2018. RAILS is working with the NIC consortium to accommodate its migration timeline and noted that grant checks would be distributed soon. SWAN reported that Green Hills Public Library District will go live in February 2019.

c. Consortial staff in-service day

The deadline to register for the consortial staff in-service day is October 19, 2018. A reminder was sent to the consortia managers email list. The agenda is being finalized; it includes short presentations on special projects and updates from the consortia.

10. Reports

a. Consortia Committee Chair

No report.

b. Consortium reports

The written report was included in the meeting packet.

Pinnacle's circulation has hit the one million mark in OverDrive.

c. Analysis of RAILS Public Library IPLAR Data

Mr. Skog shared trends in circulation and programming from IPLAR data. It was pointed out that the IPLAR data collection is limited and does not capture home users, drive-through activity, and some expenditures for electronic materials. Members discussed what might be driving changes in circulation and program attendance.

d. RAILS report

RAILS has hired a Cataloging Services Coordinator, who will start in November.

Find More Illinois is on track with seven libraries expected to go live in November 2018. There are four more Find More Illinois demonstrations scheduled for 2018.

It was agreed to begin future Consortia Committee meetings at 10: 00 a.m.

11. Future Meetings

- January 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Second Monday due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the third Monday)
- April 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 11:37 a.m.