

IHLS Board Elections 2017 Ballot

Voting is now underway for the 5 open seats on the IHLS Board of Directors.

Seats to be filled are:

- 1 Academic Library Representative (3-year term)
- 1 School Library Representative (3-year term)
- 1 Special Library Representative (3-year term)
- 2 Public Library Trustee Representatives (3-year term each)

IHLS Board Current Members

Member	Board Seat & Library	Term Expires
Bant, Geoffrey	Public Library Trustee – Urbana Free Library	July 2018
Barteau, Mary	School Library Representative – Belleville West High School	July 2018
Beil, Mary	School Library Representative – Lebanon CUSD #9	July 2018
Hubert, Tina	Public Library Representative – Six Mille Regional Library District	July 2018
Jones, Gary	Public Library Trustee – Harrisburg Public Library District	July 2018
Obert, Beverly	Public Library Trustee – Atwood Hammond Public Library District	July 2019
Owen, Deborah	Public Library Trustee – Glen Carbon Centennial Library District	July 2018
Phillips, John	Public Library Trustee – Decatur Public Library District	July 2019
Topel, Charlene	Public Library Trustee – Effingham Public Library	July 2018
Zumwalt, Sara	Public Library Representative – Litchfield Public Library District	July 2019

Please read these instructions carefully prior to voting:

All voting is done electronically via this survey.

EACH MEMBER LIBRARY CAN VOTE ONLY ONCE.

Please ensure that only one person at your library responds to this survey. If your system membership is shared among multiple locations or branches, be sure that only one person votes on behalf of ALL combined locations.

VOTING DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. Saturday; April 15, 2017

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The following information is used to ensure proper voting procedures, that only libraries with a system membership vote, and that only one ballot is cast by each member library:

Name of your library:

Your email address:

Does your library's system membership include multiple locations? (For example: Branches, Schools, etc. If you are not sure, please exit this survey and contact the Illinois Heartland Library System for this information prior to voting.) Each member library is to cast just ONE ballot collectively, on behalf of all of its locations combined.

- Yes, multiple locations, branches, schools or entities share our system membership.
- No.

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List of locations for shared membership.

Please list the names of locations (branches, schools, etc.) included in your library's system membership:

Academic Library Representative Slate

Spencer Brayton v. Lara R. M. Jennings v. Paula Martin v. Sandra West(Vote for 1)

Spencer Brayton

Lumpkin Learning Commons

Director

As one of the few academic librarians within IHLS, I believe it is important to give our constituency a voice on the Board. My leadership skills and work serving on the SHARE Executive Committee, as well as the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois and the Association of College and Research Libraries in various capacities, would be an asset to the IHLS Board.

I have also been involved with a local group (SLIDE) of public library directors in the Carlinville, IL region (Staunton, Litchfield, Mount Olive, Farmersville-Waggoner, Benld). In recent years, I have not been able to attend these monthly meetings as much as I would like to, but I maintain communication and host a meeting over the summer. This gives me an understanding of the needs that public librarians have as well. My perspective that bridges both academic and public libraries would be a unique one should I be elected.

Lara R. M. Jennings

SIUE East St. Louis Learning Resource Center

Library Director

We are a recently re-opened academic library with a long standing history of services. Due to the uncertainty of the Illinois state budget crisis the LRC was forced to close its doors. As a library we provide services to an unique pool of patrons. Our programs are open to serve all our constituents on a campus that is filled with multiple representatives (South Western Illinois College/Southern Illinois University Edwardsville etc.) as well as set to serve the broader community at large. Serving multiple patron-types is exciting, as it affords us the opportunity to expand the parameters of a traditional academic library while simultaneously striving to not hinder the integrity of our goals in the academic setting. As the library director I have worked towards bringing new innovative programing to the library and strive towards the collaboration of our ideas, services and best practices. As an acting representative for academic libraries, I would work towards representing our needs/interests while extending collaboration methods/communication to the library community at large.

Paula Martin

McKendree University

Director

I have worked in academic libraries for a decade, first within the MOBIUS library system in Missouri, and now in Illinois. My positions and duties have included many aspects of academic librarianship, including public services, access services, reference, instruction, and now administration. I have been an active member in committees in the Missouri Library Association, and have been a participant in MOBIUS proceedings.

I am interested in representing academic libraries because I believe professional librarians need to give back to their community in any way they can, and because if libraries are truly moving toward innovation and collaboration, we can only do that together. Organizations like IHLS make it possible for us to evolve, and that is something I would like to support with my time and effort.

Sandra West

Rend Lake College

Coordinator of Technical Services and Collection Management

As the current IHLS Academic Representative and IHLS Board President, I have had the pleasure to work closely with IHLS staff and board members. I am proud of the system's commitment to libraries and it is wonderful to help shape the organization through the work the board does. I have worked at Rend Lake College in my current position for over 15 years. The work that I perform at the college has provided me the opportunity to work with many of the IHLS and SHARE staff. I've worked on the transitional SHARE Executive Team prior to the "go live" date. I currently sit on the SHARE Bibliographic & Cataloging Standards Committee and Circulation & Resource Sharing Committee for SHARE. I truly enjoy working on the IHLS Board and I am committed to representing the board and libraries to best of my abilities. These past three years as being the Academic Representative has be very fulfilling and I have gained such great respect for the work IHLS does.

- Spencer Brayton
- Lara R. M. Jennings
- Paula Martin
- Sandra West

School Library Representative Slate

Susan Pennington – Unopposed (Vote for 1)

Susan Pennington

Springfield Southeast High School Library

Librarian

After 14 years of teaching high school English, I completed the library certification program at Illinois State University to gain licensure as a high school library media specialist. For the past eight years, I have been the librarian at Springfield Southeast High School where I serve over 1100 students and 100 staff. I believe libraries in schools should be a fundamental right of the educational process- where else can students go to explore, escape and educate themselves without limits?! When kids learn to use libraries, they become adults who use libraries. As a board member, representing school libraries, I bring with me not just the viewpoint of the librarian, but also a veteran teacher. As more and more districts cut librarians and collections fall to disarray, we need a strong voice to advocate for filling those gaps by working together with local public libraries to serve all members of the community both in and out of school.

Susan Pennington

Special Library Representative Slate

Monica Luciano v. Stacey Carter (Vote for 1)

Monica Luciano

Scott Air Force Base Library

Director

In 1999, I received my MLS from the University of Maryland, and for the past 18 years librarianship has been my life. My experience as a law librarian for corporate law firms in Washington D.C. and for federal libraries in Maryland and Illinois make me an excellent candidate to represent the interests of special libraries. Special libraries with somewhat different policies and procedures than that of public libraries need a representative that can find compromise with the consortium when it is needed, but also advocate for the many benefits unique collections have to offer to the consortium. I would love to be the special libraries representative and serve the consortium that offers so much to my patrons.

Stacey Carter

Decatur Correctional Center Library

Library Associate

As the Library Director and sole paid employee of a prison library, I am expected to wear many different "library hats." Our library services mirror those of any small public library: circulation, cataloging, ordering, marketing, reference etc. The resources available for our library are very limited and the IHLS makes it possible for me to provide excellent library service to my patrons. I am able to ask questions on the listserv, contact another librarian, attend Small Pubs meetings and webinars. The IHLS provides library training and support that my employer cannot provide. I would like to serve on the IHLS Board of Directors to pay back for all that I get from the system and to encourage other special libraries to get involved.

 Monica Luciano

Stacey Carter

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Public Library Trustee Representative Slate

Gary Denué v. Mary Smith (Vote for 2)

Gary N. Denué

Edwardsville Public Library

Trustee

I have been involved in advocacy for libraries for 45 years both as an academic librarian and a trustee of both a public library and a library system. I retired as Associate Dean of Library and Information Services at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 2010. I currently serve as a trustee of the Edwardsville Public Library and in the early 1990's was on the Board of Directors of the Lewis and Clark Library System. I am currently completing a 3-year term on the IHLS Board as a public library trustee. I am a strong proponent of collaboration, resource sharing and technology as means to strengthen individual libraries and the communities they serve. Continuing to service on the Board of the Illinois Heartland Library System would allow me to make use of my experience while at the same time provide a learning experience to use in my role as a trustee at a public library.

Mary L. Smith

Belleville Public Library

Trustee

I would like to be considered for position on our system board. I have had a long career in this area---at Belleville Public library as head of Adult Services. I then was director of O'Fallon Public Library for 20 years, retiring in 2007. I have served previously on the Kaskaskia Library System board and currently on Belleville Public Library Board as VP/Secy. I have served on negotiations committee several times for BPL and on the Library Director Search Committee. I also worked as SWAT member on several libraries, public & school, to enter holdings to aid in the new member's transition to online membership. I would like, for myself, to learn more about the workings of this much expanded library system and would like to serve in any ways that I can to further support of both the system and our membership.

Gary N. Denué

Mary L. Smith

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Thank you

You're not done yet. Your votes will be submitted when you click on the "Submit Votes" button below.

Thank you for participating in this year's IHLS Board Election. The election will close on April 15. The results will be announced at the May meeting of the IHLS Board.

The Nominating Committee:

Susan Tulis: Morris Library, Southern IL University Carbondale (stulis@lib.siu.edu) (618-453-2522), Chairperson

Monica Cameron: Shelbyville Library (monica.shelbyvillelibrary@gmail.com) (217-774-4432)

Scott Drone-Silvers: Lake Land College (sdronesi@lakelandcollege.edu) (217-234-5338)

Betsy Mahoney: Six Mile Regional Library District (betsymahoney@smrld.org) (618-452-6244)

Lacey Wright: Barclay Public Library District (barclaypld@yahoo.com) (217-672-3621)