



## Membership Report

November, 2016

**Members Matter:** Our third “Members Matter” meeting was held on November 1<sup>st</sup> with system staff attending from the IHLS office in Edwardsville with approximately 45 people in attendance. As in previous meetings, system staff provided updates and specific topics were opened for discussion. This month, the topics included advocacy and getting patrons into the library. The next meeting will be held in January at the Champaign Service Center.

**Election Results:** There were two referenda on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot that involved the Brighton Memorial Public Library District and the C.E. Brehm Memorial Library District in Mt. Vernon.

The Brighton question: *Shall all the territory in Macoupin/Jersey County within the boundaries of the Southwestern Community Unit School District #9, be disconnected from the Brighton Memorial Library District, Brighton, IL*

The “yes” vote won in both Macoupin and Jersey Counties with the following totals and percentages:

### Jersey County

	Total Votes	Percentage
Yes	972	62.35
No	587	37.65

### Macoupin County

	Total Votes	Percentage
Yes	1,719	60.53
No	1,121	39.47

The C.E. Brehm question: *Should the territory of Webber Township in Jefferson County be disconnected from the C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library District, Mt. Vernon, IL?*

	Total Votes	Percentage
Yes	479	44.68
No	593	55.32

**Woodlawn CUSD #209:** The Illinois State Library contacted the system regarding the membership status of this district. Woodlawn High School District #205 and Woodlawn CCSD #4 had merged in 2105 to form Woodlawn CUSD #209 in 2015. That merger slipped through the cracks, but the State Library picked it up when approving per capita grants. Since the high school district was a system member and the elementary district was not, they needed to reapply for system membership. Ellen Popit did a site visit on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and met with the superintendent and high school library contact. It was determined that neither building meets the membership criteria because of lack of staffing. While the high school contact teaches in the library, he has no formal assignment of library duties. The grade school is only staffed one period a day. This newly formed district no longer meets system membership criteria and was taken up as an item of new business at the November 7<sup>th</sup> Membership and Policy Committee meeting.

**Library Law:** A big thank you to the board and staff at Case-Halstead Library in Carlyle for hosting Library Law: A day with Phil Lenzini. This event attracted 67 registrants and was full of pertinent legal information for the attendees.