Membership Considerations May 2024

The following proposed actions are presented to the Policy & Membership Committee in anticipation of being moved forward to the full Illinois Heartland Library System Board of Directors for actions.

Approval of Request to Withdraw:
Lincoln Christian College (Logan County) – The college closed at the end of the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Asian Educational Media Service (University of Illinois) – Their board voted in the Fall of 2023 to discontinue the AEMS library’s IHLS membership. The collection of primarily VHS tapes is not heavily used and may move to another library within the University System.

Vienna Correctional Center (Johnson County) – The director of this library requested the withdrawal.

Approval of Suspension:
Mounds Public Library (Pulaski County) – System staff has worked with this library since the fall of 2023 when it was learned that the library was operating with no paid staff. This was indicated on 2024 Certification that they do not have “one or more employees serving as librarian at least 15 hours per week.” This indicates that they are not in compliance with 23 ILAC 3030.110 which includes the definition of a library.

Benton CCSD #47 (Franklin County) – This school district failed to complete the certification process and never responded after a certified letter was sent to the district.

Selmaville CCD #10 (Marion County) – This school district failed to complete the certification process and never responded after a certified letter was sent to the district.

Hold for Later Review:
Giertz Educational Center at Krannert (University of Illinois) – This SHARE member is still evaluating its role post-COVID and has asked for more time to finalize its goals for future activities. There are plans to roll out curricular support materials which would be very valuable to our member libraries.

Eldorado CU #4 (Saline County) – This school district failed to complete the certification process and has been sent a certified letter. A district employee has informed us that they are staffed at the elementary level and we are waiting for them to confirm in writing.

The following schools had staffing issues this year and each indicated they would be resolved during the 2024-2025 school year. System staff will follow up in August.
- Central School District #104 (St. Clair County)
- Grand Prairie #6 (Marion County)
- Mulberry Grove CUSD #1 (Bond County)