Illinois Heartland Library System

TO: IHLS Board of Directors
FROM: Leslie M. Bednar
DATE: July 17, 2025
RE: FY2026 Board Nomination Committee

The following board members expressed an interest in running for the FY2026 Board Officers positions. During the voting process at the July 22, 2025, board meeting, there will be an opportunity for floor nominations to be added to the slate.

Thank you.

President
- Sarah Hill
- Linda McDonnell

Vice-President
- Kristy Walker

Secretary
- Ryan Johnson

Treasurer
- Michael Treece

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Script for Contested Positions

1. Chairperson

Next on our agenda is the election of board officers for FY2026.

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2. Announce candidates and ask for nominations from the floor

We'll begin with a vote for the position of Board President.
- Sarah Hill and Linda McDonnell are nominated for Board President.

Do we have any nominations from the floor?
- Allow time for nominations.
- Confirm nominees are willing to serve.
- Once nominations are complete, close the nominations.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations are now closed for the position of Board President.

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3. Conduct the Vote

We'll proceed with a roll call vote. Each member will state their vote aloud using the candidate's name. The executive assistant will document each vote.

Executive Assistant:
The results are as follows:
- Sarah Hill received [#] votes
- Linda McDonnell received [#] votes.
- [Name] is elected Board President.
- All votes will be included in the minutes.

Script for Unopposed Positions

1. Chairperson

Next on our agenda is the election of the board [position] for FY2026.

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2. Announce candidates and ask for nominations from the floor

[Name] is nominated for [position].

Do we have any nominations from the floor?
- Allow time for nominations.
- Confirm nominees are willing to serve.
- Once nominations are complete, close the nominations.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations are now closed for the [position].

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3. Conduct the Vote

We'll proceed with a roll call vote. Each member will state their vote aloud with a "yes" or "no". The executive assistant will document each vote.

Executive Assistant:
The results are as follows:
- [Name] received [#] votes.
- [Name] is elected [position].
- All votes will be included in the minutes.