

The 2015 Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) Nominating Committee met on Thursday, 11 March 2015 via telephone conference. Chairperson, Amanda McKay, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members in attendance included Chair, Amanda McKay, Jeanne Hamilton, Betsy Mahoney and Elaine Steingrubey. Deb Sherrick was absent. There were no guests in attendance.

Betsy Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the 5 March 2015 meeting. Jeanne Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson, Amanda McKay, stated that there were nine attempts to complete the Nomination Survey, with six completed. Two persons completed the survey for the positions of school library representative, one of whom would be eligible in the public library representative position, as well. Four potential candidates completed the survey for the public library representative position. To date, there are no candidates for the public library trustee positions.

In reviewing the nominations, it was noted that one of the candidates for the public library representative seat was from a library who currently has representation on the IHLS Board of Trustees. The IHLS Bylaws state that "No library shall be represented by more than one Board member.", thus disqualifying that nominee. The committee also clarified that the school and public libraries that a potential nominee would represent are two separate entities.

The committee agreed that the slate for the school representative positions are set, unless additional candidates successfully complete the nomination survey prior to the 13 March 2015 deadline. The committee will continue to seek candidates for the public library representative position and will make further attempts to seek candidates for the two public library trustee positions.

A reminder email about the nomination survey will be sent to the IHLS membership. It was suggested to include the information that Trustees can attend board meetings via videoconferencing at any of these videoconferencing locations: IHLS Champaign, IHLS Edwardsville, IHLS DuQuoin, Illinois State Library, Decatur Public Library, Gilman-Danforth District Library, Marion Carnegie Library, Morrison-Talbott Library (Waterloo) or Olney Public Library. This may encourage trustees who may be reluctant to serve due to distance to serve.

The committee reviewed the following criteria for candidate selection. No library shall be represented by more than one Board member. Nominees must be members of a governing board of a member library, professional staff or the administration of the type of library to be represented as set out in these Bylaws. No Board member shall be permitted to serve for more than a total of six (6) consecutive years unless two (2) years have elapsed since his/her sixth year of service. Each candidate must be willing to serve a three-year term on the IHLS Board.

The committee agreed that some additional information from the IHLS would help in the nomination process. A copy of Article VI Board of Directors of the IHLS Bylaws, which lists the criteria for serving on the IHLS Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee's duties. A list of the seats being vacated, including the name of the trustee, the term ending date, the type of seat represented, whether or not the trustee is eligible for a second term. The committee is charged with 'select and confirm candidates for election to the System Board representing all geographic areas.' The committee requests a map or chart with the geographic locations of each trustee, both those representing seats to be vacated and those whose terms are not expiring. This information should include at minimum the City of the library represented.

The committee agreed that an earlier start date is warranted. The attached document is a timeline revised from the one used by the 2014 IHLS Nominating Committee, and some items of note from that committee. A timeline will be included with the final minutes of the 2015 committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

*Submitted by Elaine Steingrubey*