



Illinois Heartland Library System

Policy and Membership Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

2:00 PM

Rachel Fuller called the meeting to order at 1:59 and a quorum was determined.

Roll Call:

Mary Barteau Absent

Bev Obert Present

Rachel Fuller Present

Charlene Topel Present

Clyde Hall Present

Sara Zumwalt Present

Ellen Popit, IHLS staff was also present.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Sara Zumwalt and seconded by Charlene Topel to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved with Bev Obert abstaining.

There was no old business.

In New Business:

It was determined that regularly scheduled meetings of this committee would be held on the 1st Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

There was a discussion on the need to revise the section in the IHLS Bylaws that deals with the Advisory Committee. Work will begin on that at the October committee meeting.

Ellen Popit gave an overview of membership numbers and changes over the last two years.

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Ellen Popit also gave the committee information regarding libraries that face compliance challenges with regard to statewide membership standards. Those libraries are Centreville, Mounds, Tilden and East St. Louis Community College Center. In getting some clarification from the Board President for the Mounds Library, it appears that they remain compliant and there will be updates to the committee on the other three libraries at the next meeting.

Sara Zumwalt raised a concern regarding the movement on the part of a group of citizens to dissolve the Brighton Memorial Public Library District. She expressed concern that residents of that library district and library colleagues do everything they can to defeat the questions that will be put on the November ballot. An update will be available for this committee at the October meeting.

In Other:

Ellen Popit reported on the work that was being done at the system in support of the Illinois School Library Media Associations efforts to encourage people to speak for school libraries in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) listening tours and to participate in training events.

A motion was made by Sara Zumwalt and seconded by Clyde Hall to adjourn the meeting at 2:42. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Popit