

Section 4. Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors. Proposed Amendments

A Nominating Committee of five (5) members, who shall be eligible electors within the geographic area of the System, shall be appointed by the President of the System Board, with Board approval, in November of each year. It is the preference of the Board that a minimum of two members from the current Nominating Committee will serve the following year in order to ensure continuity of the process. No currently sitting System Board member may serve on the Nominating Committee and no Nominating Committee Member may be slated for that election to the System Board.

a. The Nominating Committee shall select and confirm candidates for election to the System Board representing all geographic areas. 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. The call for nominations will be appropriately publicized to the Members of the System and any member may propose names for the Nominating Committee's consideration. Additional nominations may be sent to the Nominating Committee upon written petitions of ten (10) member libraries represented by the type of seat on the System Board to be filled. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominee, must be filed with the System Board Secretary who will forward them to the Chair of the Nominating Committee for inclusion on the list of nominees. Criteria for the inclusion or any elimination of names to appear on the ballot will be developed by the Nominating Committee, and this information will be included with the certification results presented to the Board at its May meeting. The determination of the final slate of candidates is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee, with the goal of creating a balanced ballot representative of all System members.

b. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot and certify that all candidates are eligible electors in the geographic area of the System. **The ballot will include no more than four (4) eligible candidates for each open seat. In the event that there are no eligible candidates for an open position on the IHLS board, there will be a write in vote. Any viable write-in candidate will be required to meet all eligibility criteria for the specific board position. The nominating committee must verify the winning candidate. If there is no clear winner from the write in vote, the president will appoint a new board member.**

c. The ballot will be distributed to each member library agency electronically by March 15. A library agency is defined as a library or libraries with a single governing body or corporate authority. For example, a public library with branches would be counted as a single agency as would a school district with libraries in several buildings. Each library will be entitled to return only one ballot for its choice of candidates for the System Board of Directors. Before the vote is cast, each library agency should determine who will be responsible for casting the vote for its agency. The Nominating Committee will accept only the first completed ballot, if multiple votes are cast by the same library agency.

d. Ballots must be completed and submitted by April 15th to be counted. In the event of a tie, a subsequent election to break the tie will be announced no later than April 25th. This ballot will be available electronically for one full week. The Nominating Committee will certify the election results to the System Board of Directors at its May meeting each year.

~~d. Special Procedures for Initial System Board in 2011: the first Board of the System will be nominated by the four current Systems' Boards and member libraries. A Nominating Committee made up of one designee/representative from each of the four Systems, will prepare a list of candidate nominees, and certify that each are eligible electors from the area of the System, and not "term limited." The committee will prepare a ballot that will include a short bio of each candidate. The Ballot will be distributed electronically to each member by May 1, 2011. In order to be counted, each ballot must be submitted by May 31 to the Secretary of the Transition Board, who shall certify the results to the Transition Board at its June 2011 meeting. The initial Board of Directors of the System shall meet in July 2011 to draw lots for terms of office, i.e. for the staggering of terms, one third of the directors will draw 1 year terms, one third will draw 2 year terms, and the final third will draw 3 year terms. The Board will then elect initial officers and formally adopt Bylaws and policies. Prior service in office on the board of directors of any Illinois Library System, shall count towards the statutory maximum of serving a total of no more than six (6) years as a director, unless two years has elapsed since their sixth year of service."~~