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Talking Book and Braille Service Advisory Committee
ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
Gwendolyn Brooks Building Room 113
300 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois
March 13, 2015
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Held by teleconference from this site

Minutes

- Meeting Convenes 4:01 pm
Welcome and Call to order – Chair Whewell
Roll Call – Ruda
Present: Bartkowski, Bogdan, Chandler, Hendle, Jackson, Rink, Tesfaye, Watson, Whewell;
Absent: Martin (excused),
Staff present: Aggertt, Chenoweth, Ruda, Taylor
Absent: Stiles (training at NLS)
- Minutes of Preceding Meeting – Chair Whewell
Recommended motion: Advisory committee moves to adopt the December 12, 2014, minutes as written.
Action requested: Adoption or rejection of December 12, 2014 minutes
Motion to adopt: Rink Second: Jackson
- Seating of new member - Chair Whewell
Paperwork has been sent in for Linda Hendle
Recommended motion: Advisory Committee moves to accept Hendle to fill the position vacated by Donald Skoller
Action requested: Move to seat Hendle
Moved: Watson; second Tesfaye
Passed
- Reports from members:
Whewell – Reported on the status of proposed letter to the governor's office regarding the state of service to blind/low vision residents. Bureau of Blind Services has been without a director for over two years. Hopefully by mid-summer there will be a new bureau chief. Bartkowski spoke to the importance of having a BBS in IL and all should be vigilant about watching that this occurs. Decision made to monitor situation.

March 25, 2015, disability rights advocacy day in Springfield. Independent Living Centers will have buses of individuals coming.

Bartkowski – BANA meeting will be hosted by Horizons for Blind. BANA Open Forum: November 7, 2015 on the last day of the board meeting an open forum. Hoping to hold at HWLC, braille readers invited, BANA moving to adopt Unified English Braille. January 4, 2016 the UEB will begin. Library of Congress will be sending out a list of changes to all braille readers.

Bartkowski - Nominating Committee – two positions will be open for next year. Deadline for application is April 15, 2015

Reports from:

Ruda – Nothing specific is known regarding the budget

Taylor- Lots of programming and outreach occurring

Chenoweth - Exploring new methods of outreach

Jackson – Participated in church youth group lock-in and discussed blind issues and NLS player

Chandler – Questions about currency reader, discussion occurred, all delighted with the unit

Whewell – On May 22, 2015 a low vision fair will be in Jacksonville.

Public Comment – none

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Jackson, Second - Watson

4:05 pm

The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2015 via conference call.