

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
Gwendolyn Brooks Building
Room 421
May 15, 2008**

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ISLAC)
SPECIAL MEETING**

Meeting Conducted via Interactive Videoconferencing at the following locations: Illinois State Library (Springfield), Alliance Library System (East Peoria), Chicago Public Library, DuPage Library System (Geneva), Lincoln Trail Libraries System (Champaign), Lewis and Clark Library System (Edwardsville), Metropolitan Library System (Burr Ridge), North Suburban Library System (Wheeling), Prairie Area Library System (Coal Valley, Rockford, and Shorewood).

PRESENT VIA INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCING

Betsy Adamowski (MLS-Burr Ridge), Pat Burg (ISL-Springfield), Alice Calabrese-Berry (MLS-Burr Ridge), Kay Langston (MLS-Burr Ridge), Barry Levine (PALS-Shorewood), Carol Little (ISL-Springfield), Barbara Lund (MLS-Burr Ridge), Chad Raymond (NSLS-Wheeling), Becky Robinson (ALS-East Peoria), and Bob McKay (PALS-Coal Valley).

PRESENT VIA PHONE CONFERENCE CALL

Joe Harris

NOT PRESENT

Brad Baker, Yvonne Beechler-Bergendorf, Barbara Burroughs, Gail Bush, Lynda Clemmons, Mary Dempsey, John Dittmer, Barbara DuRocher, Kris Hammerstrand, and Diane Moreno.

STATE LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Director Anne Craig, Chief Deputy Director Lawren Tucker, Vandella Brown, Gwen Harrison, Jill Heffernan, Neil Kelley, and Patricia Norris.

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Evans (Library Director, Sherrard Public Library District), Wayne McComb (Board President, Sherrard Public Library District), Kitty Pope (Director, Alliance Library System), and Sandy Ringstrom (Assistant Director, Prairie Area Library System).

Call to Order

Chair Levine called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He requested that ISLAC members and others present mute their microphones when not talking to ensure clear communication. In addition, Chair Levine requested that ISLAC members keep the discussion to the issue on the agenda.

As Secretary of ISLAC, Director Craig took attendance by roll call. A quorum was established with ten ISLAC members attending by interactive videoconference and one

ISLAC member attending by phone. Director Craig asked that others present identify themselves and their meeting location.

Review of Information Concerning the Request of the Sherrard Public Library District Prompting the Proposed Adjustment of the Geographic Boundary Between the Alliance (ALS) and Prairie Area Library Systems (PALS)

Chief Deputy Director Tucker reviewed the adjustment request that was initiated by the Sherrard Public Library District with the concurrence of the Alliance and Prairie Area Library Systems. He reviewed ISLAC's role and responsibilities following the State Librarian's directive that ISLAC consider the system boundary adjustment request and make recommendation. He outlined the procedure that was followed according to Illinois Administrative Code 23 IL ADC 3030.120, and he summarized the three written letters received during the comment period: from the Sherrard Public Library District, from the Sherrard Community School District Unit #200, and from the Prairie Area Library System.

Comments by Representatives From Affected Libraries and Library Systems

Chair Levine invited comments from non-ISLAC members attending the meeting. Ms. Pope expressed concern that this adjustment request was generated by a "borrowing" issue. Ms. Pope also expressed concern that this adjustment could result in additional requests by member libraries. Mr. McCombs indicated that the potential move to the Prairie Area Library System would result in additional services to patrons. Ms. Evans believes that Prairie Area Library System membership will enhance customer service for their patrons and thanked ISLAC for considering this request.

Discussion on the Proposed Adjustment to the PALS/ALS Geographic Boundary

Chair Levine invited discussion and comments from the members of the Committee. Mr. McKay indicated that he did not believe that this request resulted from a "borrowing" issue and clarified PrairieCat's (the PALS' local automation system) functionality for on-line system members. No other comments or discussion ensued.

Chair Levine called the question.

Ms. Burg moved that the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee recommend to the State Librarian that the shared geographic boundary between the Alliance Library System and the Prairie Area Library System be adjusted so that all of the territory of the Sherrard Public Library District shall be located within the geographic boundaries of the Prairie Area Library System.

Mr. Raymond seconded.

Chair Levine called for a roll call vote of the members present. **Voting "yes": Ms. Adamowski, Ms. Burg, Ms. Calabrese-Berry, Mr. Harris, Ms. Langston, Mr. Levine, Ms. Little, Ms. Lund, Mr. McKay, and Mr. Raymond. Voting "no": Ms. Robinson. Voting to "abstain": none.** The motion carried.

Chair Levine acknowledged the Alliance Library System's cooperation during this process.

Director Craig informed ISLAC that the Committee's recommendation will be sent to the State Librarian. Following a review of the Committee's recommendation and all the information associated with this request, the State Librarian will issue a final decision regarding the proposed boundary adjustment.

Chair Levine adjourned the special meeting of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee at 10:34 a.m.

Minutes taken by Patricia Norris
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