

Voting is now underway for the 5 open seats on the IHLS Board of Directors.

Seats to be filled are:

- 1 Academic Library Representative (3-year term)
- 1 Special Library Representative (3-year term)
- 1 School Library Representative (3-year term)
- 2 Public Library Trustee Representatives (3-year term each)

Please read these instructions carefully prior to voting:

All voting is done electronically via this survey.

EACH MEMBER LIBRARY CAN VOTE ONLY ONCE.

Please ensure that only one person at your library responds to this survey. If your system membership is shared among multiple locations or branches, be sure that only one person votes on behalf of ALL combined locations.

VOTING DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2020

The following information is used to ensure proper voting procedures, that only libraries with a system membership vote, and that only one ballot is cast by each member library:

Name of your library:

Your email address:

Does your library's system membership include multiple locations? (For example: Branches, Schools, etc. If you are not sure, please exit this survey and contact the Illinois Heartland Library System for this information prior to voting). Each member library is to cast just ONE ballot collectively, on behalf of all of its locations combined.

- Yes, multiple locations, branches, schools or entities share our system membership.
- No.

List of locations for shared membership.

Please list the names of locations (branches, schools, etc.) included in your library's system membership:

Academic Library Representative Slate

Zachary Newell

(Vote for 1)

Zachary Newell

Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University

Dean of Library Services

I have worked in a variety of libraries for almost twenty years. Before assuming my current position, I served as a Board of Trustees member for 4 years for a public library in Massachusetts. I was also a member of the grant review team for a 3-year term for the State Advisory Council on Libraries with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. I have worked on several strategic planning committees, most recently overseeing the completion of Booth Library's first ever Strategic Plan. I am committed to fostering the relationship between libraries and the community, serving as a member of Rotary for the past 8 years, as past president and youth exchange ambassador. I am also committed to diverse perspectives in libraries after working as a Fulbright Scholar at the Library of Alexandria in cultivating regional identity and global perspective. I look forward to serving as a Board Member for IHLS.

Zachary Newell

School Library Representative Slate

Seren Conner v. Jill Shelton

(Vote for 1)

Seren Conner

Carbondale Elementary School Dist. 95

District Librarian/CMS Librarian

I have served as a librarian in 2 schools for a total of 3 years. This is my second year at CES95. I was a special education teacher for 21 years before that. I am very interested in serving on the board to learn more about the system in a more detailed manner, as well as to serve the board as a school librarian to support our sometimes special needs compared to public libraries.

Jill Shelton

Massac County High School Library

Librarian/Media Specialist

My role as a School Librarian is new, having only been three years, but I have taught at my school for 25 years. I am enjoying this change in my career and I am eager to learn more about ILHS and what I can do to serve the larger Library community. I am a member of AISLE and AASL and have attended their conferences in order to connect and learn new opportunities and programs for my school.

Seren Conner

Jill Shelton

Special Library Representative Slate

Stacey Carter v. Lisa Horsley

(Vote for 1)

Stacey Carter

Librarian

Lincoln Correctional Center

It has been my pleasure to represent special libraries on the IHLS Board these past three years. I am currently the Board President and enjoy advocating for all kinds of libraries with legislators, vendors and the State Library. As the Library Director and sole paid employee of a prison library, I am expected to wear many different "library hats." Our library services mirror those of any small public library: circulation, cataloging, ordering, marketing, reference etc. The resources available for our library are very limited and the IHLS makes it possible for me to provide excellent library service to my patrons. I am able to ask questions on the listserv, contact another librarian, attend Small Pubs and Member Day meetings and webinars. The IHLS provides library training and support that my employer cannot provide. I can not thank system members enough for all that I get from the system and to encourage all libraries to get involved. I would love to serve all libraries for another three years.

Lisa Horsley

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

Director of Library Services & Collections

I'm a late comer to the library field. After spending time in the military and having a family I decided to pursue my MLIS and then my MBA while working full time for the State of Illinois. I started working at the ALPLM in Spring 2016 as a Serials Librarian. I was then promoted to Library Manager and finally to Library Director. There have been many challenges I have had to face in my position which gives me a fresh insight and perspective into the library field. The library world is ever evolving and with our vast collections we are always looking for how to expand our global reach and how we can best partner with other institutions. I can provide a unique view as the Special Libraries Representative in sharing the challenges I face, what I have learned, as well as growing my own knowledge base.

Stacey Carter

Lisa Horsley

Public Library Trustee Representative Slate

Clay Dean v. Guadalupe Mejia

(Vote for 2)

Clay Dean

Mattoon Public Library

Trustee, Former President

Local banking executive, bibliophile and library advocate. Worked in rare book libraries (Beinecke, et al) and member of multiple bibliophilic societies (Grolier, COV). Multi-year public library board member (former president), experienced in non-profit/educational governance and fundraising.

Guadalupe Mejia

Urbana Free Library

Trustee

My husband and I settled in east central Illinois six years ago with hopes of establishing roots and raising our family in a diverse and engaged community. While I spend my days serving the Veteran community at the VA Illiana in Danville, I still feel a strong commitment to serving my local community as well.. My career with the VA has allowed me to hone my leadership skills, as well as gain valuable experience in systems redesign and strategic planning. My professional specialty is the rehabilitation of blind and visually impaired children and Veterans. Caring for these special populations has helped me develop an expertise in accommodations, educational resources, and community independence. Above all, my husband and I are raising our children with a love of learning and continuous personal growth through literature, science and continuous exploration of our world. I hope to lead by example with my own commitment to personal growth and service to my community.

Clay Dean

Guadalupe Mejia

Thank you

You're not done yet. Your votes will be submitted when you click on the "Submit Votes" button below.

Thank you for participating in this year's IHLS Board Election. The election will close on April 30. The results will be announced at the May meeting of the IHLS Board.

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