

Minutes for Policy and Membership Committee  
March 19th, 2014, 7:00 p.m. (via phone)

Present Members: Betsy Mahoney, Chair, Lynda Clemmons, Libby Letterly, George Trammell  
Ellen Popit, Staff Membership Coordinator, Linda McDonnell, President, ex-officio

Absent Members: Val Green

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes from the October 10<sup>th</sup> policy meeting were approved. Lynda made the motion and seconded by George. All approved.

The minutes from the October 1<sup>st</sup> membership meeting were approved. Lynda made the motion and seconded by George. All approved.

Ellen gave a brief report on the certification process. It has been much easier and fewer phone calls. There will be some suspensions based on lack of staffing at the state prison libraries and a few school libraries. Ellen also met with the prison librarians last week.

Based on suggestions from the nominating committee, we discussed proposed changes to the bylaws under the board elections proceedings in the nominating committee section. The nominating committee asked for specific language if the board has too many or too few candidates for an open seat of the IHLS board. The committee also recommends removing the special election proceedings from 2011 for the first board of IHLS.

The committee also discussed the importance of geographically balanced member representation on the board. With the large geographical area of the system, both the nominating and the policy committees want all areas of the system represented. This is, however, very hard to codify without making the bylaws too restrictive. The board and the nominating committee should always seek out potential board members in all locations of the IHLS's service area.

Lynda recommended presenting the proposed amendment to the bylaws at the March 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Libby seconded the recommendation. All approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Libby and seconded by Lynda. The meeting ended at 7:47 p.m.