



## *IHLS 2015 Nominating Committee 19 March 2015 Meeting Minutes*

The 2015 Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) Nominating Committee met on Thursday, 19 March 2015 via telephone conference. Chairperson, Amanda McKay, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members in attendance included Chair, Amanda McKay, Jeanne Hamilton, Betsy Mahoney, Deb Sherrick and Elaine Steingrubey. There were no guests in attendance.

Betsy Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the 11 March 2015 meeting as corrected. Deb Sherrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the candidates, the Instructions to Voters, the Voter Information and the Candidate Biographies.

Eleven candidates submitted Nomination Surveys. One candidate asked to have her name removed from the nominations at this time. One candidate was declared ineligible, as there is a trustee from her library currently serving on the IHLS Board. Two candidates submitted to fill the Public Library Trustee position. Three candidates submitted for the School Library Representative position. Four candidates submitted for the Public Library Representative position.

There was a discussion regarding the geographic composition of the IHLS board, and how the candidates could impact that composition. The committee decided that more information on the composition of the current would be beneficial to the membership in the voting process.

The committee also discussed whether or not the number of candidates running for one seat would impact the likelihood of a tie, necessitating a run-off. The 2014 IHLS Nominating Committee also addressed this issue. That committee suggested limiting the number of candidates for any IHLS Board of Trustees seat to four (4) candidates. In the event there are more than four (4) candidates for a specific IHLS Board of Trustee seat, a lottery will determine the candidates for said seat.

The committee requested that a non-votable Preview Ballot be distributed to the membership and remain posted during the voting period to allow voters to review the ballot and candidates prior to actually voting.

The committee noted the following changes:

### **Under Instructions to Voters:**

The seats to be filled shall be listed as:

- 2 School Representatives
- 2 Public Library Trustee Representatives
- 1 Public Library Representative



In an effort to better inform the voters, the committee requested that information on the current IHLS trustees be included in the Instructions to the Voters. This information will include the current trustee name, the seat (s)he holds, the library the trustee represents and the term for each trustee.

The paragraph discussing write-in candidates is to be removed, as there are candidates for each position.

### **Under Voter Information:**

Each member library can vote only once. It is important for the Library information boxes to be active to ensure that each member votes only once.

The committee recommended the ballot be set as follows:

### **In the School Library Representative race, there are 2 open positions.**

School Library Representative Slate: **Mary Kathleen Barteau vs. Alayna Davies-Smith (Vote for 1)**  
Include bios from each candidate

School Library Representative Slate: **Noelle Swanson - Unopposed (Vote for 1)**  
Include bio from candidate

### **In the Public Library Trustee Representative race, there are 2 open positions.**

Public Library Trustee Representative: **Geoffrey W. Bant – Unopposed (Vote for 1)**  
Include bio from candidate

Public Library Trustee Representative: **Charlene Topol – Unopposed (Vote for 1)**  
Include bio from candidate

### **In the Public Library Representative race, there is one open position.**

Public Library Representative: **Devin Black vs Tina Hubert vs Ryan Johnson vs Donna Schaal (Vote for 1)**  
Include bios from each candidate

### **Under Candidate Biographies:**

The following corrections to the candidate biographies was noted:

In Ryan Johnson's bio

Sentence 2 – change 'that' to 'this' and add a comma after 'this,'

Sentence 4 – add a comma after the word 'experience,'



In Tina Hubert's bio

Sentence 2 – add a comma after the word 'position,'

Sentence 5 – add the word 'an' after the word 'demonstrated'

The committee discussed whether or not to change all the biographies to the same person, and decided to leave them as the candidates submitted them.

Chair, Amanda McKay, asked for a motion to accept the ballot. A motion was made by Jeanne Hamilton to accept the 2015 IHLS Board of Trustees ballot. The motion was seconded by Deb Sherrick. Motion carried.

A non-voting Preview Ballot will be distributed to the committee, if time permits, and to the membership by 20 April 2015. The official ballot will be distributed on Friday, 20 April 2015 to the membership at large. Voting closed on Wednesday, 15 April 2015. If there is a tie, the tie-breaking ballot will go the membership by Saturday, 25 April 2015, with one week to vote. The Nominating Committee will verify all results and present them at the May 2015 IHLS Board Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 20 April 2015 at 1:30 p.m. immediately following the SHARE Semi-Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Helen Matthes Library in Effingham and via phone. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

*Submitted by Elaine Steingrubey*