



# Illinois Heartland Library System

## IHLS - Board of Directors - Special Meeting

January 14, 2016 – 4pm

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- **Call to Order:**
  - Chair Leander Spearman called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.
  
- **Roll Call:**

**Members present:** Geoffrey Bant, Sarah Isaacs, Sandy West, Mary Barteau, Jim Fenton, Alayna Davies Smith, Gary Denué, Tina Hubert, Leander Spearman, Charlene Topel, George Trammell, Rachel Fuller, Susan Justice, Clyde Hall

**Members absent (excused):** Lynda Clemmons

**Other attendees:** Edwardsville: Chris Dawdy, Kimberly Townsend, Adrienne Elam, Susan Carr, Susan Palmer

**Champaign:** Robert Brady, Linda Kates, Steve Downs

**Du Quoin:** Troy Brown, Ellen Popit, Traci Edwards

**Illinois State Library:** Anne Craig, Sharon Ruda, Diane Yeoman, Amy Byers
  
- **Illinois State Library Report:**
  - Anne Craig – Public Act 99-491 was signed.
  - No revenue funds were appropriated for grants program. We received 55% for our grants.
  - Single appropriation funds library systems.
  - FY17 - We do not know anything yet. Budget officer said we have no indication of what's expected in FY17.
  - To increase funding to library system, grants that will come to the library systems will utilize our entire reserve of federal funds. Our caution is that money was considered all 'special funds' which was set for delay. Federal money can be dispersed to you fairly quickly.
  - Tina H - Question – Are requests being put into the process so transfers may occur now? Anne Craig – yes we are drawing up the paperwork to get them out the door.

- **Unfinished Business: State Budget Crisis and Projections (Attachment 6.0):**
  - Anne Craig - Office has requested both Library systems rework their Plans of Service and resubmit by March 31<sup>st</sup>. In that request we are asking that IHLS open its SHARE membership/catalog to the entire state for membership, RAILS to work with IHLS to support delivery in the IHLS area. Since RAILS is in better position playing on the strength of Heartland, this would garner some additional support for this resource that is SHARE. RAILS reserves could help to support delivery in Heartland area. Heartland would take leadership role in cataloging for the state and RAILS would take leadership in delivery for the state. We are making these suggestions in the context that we don't receive any additional money in FY16 & 17.
- **Unfinished Business: State Budget Crisis and Projections (Attachment 6.1):**
  - Leander – there are sobering decisions to make in 6.1. Specifically addressing Talking Books and IMSA (Illinois Machine Sublending Agency) program. We can only support until June of 2016. The decision was made by state library that FY16 is the last year IMSA would be supported by IHLS. In July 2016 services will return to state library. With a 42% decrease IHLS cannot continue supporting this program. We met with IMSA staff and discussed with them before this meeting. The saving grace is that this can be supported by the state library
- **Unfinished Business: Separation Package Options (Attachments 7.0, 7.1, 7.2):**
  - Looking for direction from board to guide staff in developing options for severance.  
Leslie discussed options: Attachment 7.1 (three pages):
- **Agenda Building:**
  - Will be some discussion about the disposition of the Du Quoin building possibly. Waiting on information.
  - Adrienne will give a 6 month look at where we currently are. Will review the savings and where we see future savings in the budget.
- **Public comment:** None
- **Announcements:** None
- **Adjourn:** Tina motioned to adjourn, Jim Fenton seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 5:25 pm.