SHARE Finance & Policy Committee Minutes
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by chair Miranda Shake.

Roll Call
Members present via Zoom: *Janet Cler, Esther Curry, Betsy Mahoney, Jill Pifer, Miranda Shake, and Diane Yeoman.*
Members absent: *Amanda Doherty.*
Others present via Zoom: *Sally Ascenzo with Marrowbone Public Library District, Chirstine Baker with Neoga Public Library District, Jennifer Baugh, Danielle Beasley, Beth Bendele with O'Fallon School District 90, Ann Chandler with Taylorville Public Library, Jace Cook, Mary Cordes with Hayner Public Library District, Sara Gentle with Maroa Public Library District, Tamara Grah with Chester Public Library, Lisa Grover with Stonington Township Public Library, John Howard with Mahomet Public Library District, Tina Hubert with Six Mile Regional Library District, Sarah Isaacs with Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse, Rhonda Johnisee, Kate Kite, Gayle Lane with Carmi Public Library, Jennifer Luttrell with Carmi Public Library, Janet McAllister with Rochester Public Library District, Shirley Paden, Bobbi Perryman with Vespasian Warner Public Library District, Laura Picato with O'Fallon Public Library, Joel Pikora with Mascoutah Public Library, Donald Pippin with Philo Public Library District, Dena Porter, Ryan Reitmeier with Taylorville Public Library, Mary Richars with Dietrich CU 30, Douglas Roberts with Robinson Public Library District, Samantha Rusk with Vespasian Warner Public Library District, Pam Sevenski with West Frankfort Public Library, Donna Techau with Bement Public Library District, Holly Thompson with Rantoul Public Library, Cassandra Thompson, Sherry Waldrep with Allerton Public Library District, Steven Ward with Forsyth Public Library, Sandy West with Rend Lake College, Anna Wiegand, Jamie Wratchford with Morrison-Talbott Library, and Josh Zink.*

SHARE Update
Aspen implementation has begun, and SHARE staff are working with ByWater Solutions on the process. Of the libraries that have signed up, the first cohort group has been contacted to explain the timeline, training process, and to collect branding information. Aspen is still available for members who did not sign up during the initial period.

New Business

- **Explanation of Fee Scale Proposals –** The SHARE Finance and Policy Committee has been discussing fee scale increases for many months. The budget for SHARE will be running on a deficit as of this fiscal year, and within three years, operating cash will be entirely depleted if member fees are not increased. Member library directors were asked about potential fee increases during the fee scale review process to help guide possible proposals, and responses

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fell between two main categories: support for an all-inclusive model and those preferring the traditional model where add-ons are elective.

In the SHARE Fee Review by Budget/FTE document, the traditional column mimics the current fee scale with adjusted values to accommodate for the forecasted deficit in the budget. For member libraries that utilize modules, cloudLibrary, and Aspen, those costs are included in the traditional amounts. The inclusive model is based on the traditional model but spreads out the cost of add-ons to all members rather than those who currently participate. The comparison column highlights the difference between the inclusive model and the traditional model with all possible modules and add-ons.

Once a scale has been agreed upon and finalized by the SHARE Finance and Policy Committee, the proposed scale would go out for member comment and then member vote in January. The increases would be implemented in FY2025.

- **Q & A –** Members posed questions to the committee. The SHARE Director and committee members responded to questions and concerns. After some discussion, the committee may consider a graduated increase in fees. The SHARE Finance and Policy Committee will analyze the financial projections for this possibility.
- **Other** – None

Public Comment
None

Announcements
None

Next Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment
There being no further business to discuss, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

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