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## SHARE Finance & Policy Committee Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023

10:00 a.m.

### Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10 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: *Richard Balsamello with Westville Public Library District, Jennifer Baugh, Leslie Bednar, Mary Brewster with Bethalto Public Library District, Amy Byers with Chatham Area Public Library District, Jennifer Cernich with Riverton Village Library, Irene Cincebox of Plainview, Illinois, Jace Cook, Jenna Dauer with Smithton Public Library District, Emily Enderle with Scott Air Force Base Library, Krystal Gulley with Harrisburg Public Library District, Sarah Hill with Lake Land College, Chris Houchens with Charleston Carnegie Public Library, Rhonda Johnisee, Linda Johnson, Kim Keller with Bryan-Bennett Library, Kate Kite, Kami Komm with Germantown Public Library District, Rick Meyer with Decatur Public Library, Shirley Paden, Sue Pearson, Ellen Popit, Dena Porter, Shawn Schendel with Elwood Library District, Erin Steinsultz with Crab Orchard Public Library District, Rachel Stewart with Tolono Public Library District, Cassandra Thompson, and Allison Wakefield with Ogden Rose Public Library.*

### 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 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

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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 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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