

Illinois Heartland Library System SHARE LLSAP

SHARE Governance Document

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Definitions:

Hereafter the following terms will be understood to hold these meanings:

IHLS – Illinois Heartland Library System and its offices

LLSAP – Local Library System Automation Project, specifically here the project based at Illinois Heartland Library System, and uses the name of SHARE

SHARE - Sharing Heartland's Available Resources Equally is the shared automation program of Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) and is comprised of multi-type libraries sharing a database and implementing library automation software.

Members' Group – the IHLS LLSAP member libraries

Executive Council – 11 elected representatives (SHARE full members only) of the SHARE Members' Group

SHARE Full Member – an IHLS full member library that pays fees that allow for access to at least the basic modules including circulation, cataloging, reports, serials, OPAC, and inventory of the SHARE automation software. SHARE full members are granted voting privileges. A request to move from SHARE full member status to SHARE transitional member status may be approved pending a review of the SHARE Executive Council.

SHARE Transitional Member – an IHLS full member library with an ILS that intends to become a full SHARE member within a three year period. Transitional members pay fees that allow limited access in order to request materials found in the SHARE database and for startup/implementation into SHARE. SHARE Transitional Membership is encouraged so access can be provided to those members who would like to participate in the SHARE automation system, but require time to make the change. Transitional membership status cannot exceed three years without review by the executive council. No voting privileges are granted. No SHARE

Transitional member may sit on the SHARE Executive Council. SHARE transitional member status is approved pending a review of the SHARE Executive Council. This membership status is issued with the goals of transitioning a library into SHARE full member status or providing temporary respite for SHARE full member libraries unable to maintain SHARE full member status.

SHARE Affiliate Member – an IHLS full member library that does not have an ILS (standalone, shared, consortial, etc.) but can have limited access in order to request materials from the SHARE database. There is no fee to this member type. SHARE affiliate member status is approved pending a review of the SHARE Executive Council. No voting privileges are granted. No SHARE Affiliate member may sit on the SHARE Executive council.

Membership Types:

SHARE is a consortium of multi-type libraries (public, school, special and academic) that are members of the Illinois Heartland Library System. There are three types of membership: SHARE Full Member, SHARE Transitional Member and SHARE Affiliate Member. Each SHARE library is required to provide a designated contact person on the library's annual SHARE fee agreement, which is signed by the Library's Director and kept on file with IHLS. Any changes to the designated library representative that occurs during that annual fee agreement time frame should be immediately forwarded to IHLS to update records correctly and in a timely fashion.

Each SHARE full member library has one designated representative on the Members' Group. Each SHARE full member library is allowed one vote on matters brought before the group. The designated representative will be noted on the Designated Voting Member Form signed by the library with SHARE and kept on file with IHLS.

Note: Prison and special libraries will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine SHARE member status due to their uniqueness.

Authority:

SHARE is a service of IHLS and IHLS is its fiscal agent. The database and its hardware are owned by IHLS and it is IHLS that enters into financial obligations and contracts on behalf of the Members' Group. The Illinois Heartland Library System shall actively engage the assistance of SHARE and its Executive

Council in the development of LLSAP policies, plans, assessments and fees. A vote of the members, conducted according to procedures approved by the Executive Council of SHARE will be held when obligating the proprietary funds of the SHARE membership. An LLSAP report shall be placed on the agenda of each IHLS Board of Directors' meetings. The report can include but is not limited to, the management, governance, and promotion of the LLSAP. The president of the SHARE executive council and the SHARE manager(s) will coordinate all reporting to the IHLS board, with preliminary information, including but not limited to who will give the report, forwarded to the IHLS director at least one week prior to each IHLS Board of Directors' scheduled meetings.

Purpose of
Members' Group:

The Members' Group consists of SHARE Affiliate, SHARE Transitional and SHARE Full members. SHARE Affiliate and Transitional members may attend meetings, but cannot vote. SHARE full members are members with voting privileges and conduct the business of the Members' Group. SHARE full member libraries provide: approval and amendments to governing document; approval of memorandum of understanding; approval of membership fee formulas and fees; approval of long range plans; and election of members to the Executive Council. Additionally, SHARE full members review options related to the procurement of an integrated library system.

Executive Council:

Executive Council exists to consider and handle business brought forward when more immediate decisions need to be made. It exists to set direction, policy, and procedures for the operation of the LLSAP. SHARE provides for the Director of Illinois Heartland Library System a mechanism for advice and consent on matters pertaining to the LLSAP. The Executive Council develops and provides recommendations for proposed operational policies under consideration to the SHARE libraries and its Member's Group. No SHARE member library can have more than one representative member on the Executive Council. Only SHARE full members may be representatives on the Executive Council.

Executive Council consists of:

3 Public Library Representatives

One representative of public libraries population under
10,000

One representative of public libraries with population of 10,000 to 50,000
One representative of public libraries with population over 50,000

3 School Library Representatives
1 Academic Library Representative
1 Special Library Representative
1 Bibliographic and Cataloging Standards Chair
1 Circulation and Resource Sharing Chair
1 Policies and Finance/Fees Chair

Terms for the Executive Council: Seats are two years, with a limit of two consecutive terms. For the initial process, six of the Executive Council seats will serve as a single year term, with the remaining five seats two year terms. All will still have a 2 consecutive term limit.

Executive Council will elect a President, Vice President/President Elect and Secretary. The President and Secretary will hold office for a single year. The President will chair Executive Council and Members' Group meetings. The Vice President /President Elect will chair the Executive Council and Members' Group meetings in the absence of the President the first year and serve as President and chair the Executive Council and Members' Group meetings in the second year.

An IHLS staff member will also be appointed by the IHLS executive director as a liaison to the executive council. SHARE manager(s) should attend executive council meetings to facilitate communication. Neither the liaison nor SHARE manager(s) have voting privileges.

Standing Committees:

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Bibliographic and Cataloging Standards – provides a forum for member library cataloging staff to share information about functionality and best practices; serves as a sounding board for solutions to cataloging issues; and reviews and makes recommendations concerning cataloging policy and procedures.

Circulation and Resource Sharing – provides a forum for member library circulation staff to share information about functionality and best practices; serves as a sounding board for solutions to circulation issues; and reviews and makes recommendations concerning circulation policy and procedures.

Policies and Finance/Fees – reviews and makes recommendations concerning fee formula, SHARE budget, and policies pertaining to SHARE. This committee will also be the nominating committee.

The committees are open to volunteers and each Chair is elected to his/her term by votes of the committee members. The Chair of each committee is elected for a 2 year term, with 2 consecutive term limits. The Chair of each committee will serve on the Executive Council as part of the commitment of being a Chair. Only SHARE full member libraries are eligible to be a committee chair. All committees including Ad hoc report to the Executive Council.

Ad hoc committees may be formed at the discretion of the President of the Executive Council.

Meetings:

The Members' Group will meet semiannually, with the dates to be determined by the Executive Council of SHARE. Meetings will be informational only. Voting will be conducted electronically and occur 1 week after the meeting. Procedural meeting details such as minutes will be voted on and determined by a majority of the members present. All fiscal and policy issues will be voted on electronically and a quorum will constitute 50 percent plus 1 of the SHARE full membership.

The Executive Council meetings are held quarterly, with at least one meeting designated as a "face-to-face" meeting. The other meetings may be conducted via electronic format. The President may determine if additional meetings are necessary to conduct time sensitive issues. A quorum of the Executive Council will be 6. Voting for the Executive Council may be done electronically.

IHLS will provide a person to take minutes for both the executive council meetings and the Members' Group meetings.

Parliamentary Authority:

Robert's Rules of Order, in the latest edition, will serve as the governing authority for all meetings of the Members' Group, and its committees, except that such rules will not be in opposition to these by-laws. All meetings are subject to compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Amendments:

This governance document may be amended by a majority vote of the SHARE full members. Information concerning proposed amendments will be distributed in writing to all members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting at which time the proposed amendment will be discussed. Voting will be conducted electronically and occur 1 week after the meeting.

Review of

The review of SHARE governance document will occur every two years by the SHARE Executive Council.

Dissolution:

The Members' Group may be dissolved only with a two-thirds vote of the SHARE full members. Information regarding a proposed dissolution will be distributed in writing to all members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting at which the proposed dissolution will be discussed. Voting will be conducted electronically.