



**PrairieCat Administrative Council
Brief
May 3rd, 2024**

Membership Update

- Mills and Petrie's upgrade from Union List to Basic Online membership was approved by the Delegates Assembly in April. Manhattan Elwood is moving forward with their new branch in Elwood.
- Member Updates are May 7, 8, and 10. The in-person locations are Pearl City, Sherrard, Fossil Ridge and Woodstock. Friday the 10th will be online via Zoom. PUG Day programs will soon be finalized with registration opening in June.
- PrairieCat does have an open position that is posted on our website and on the RAILS job board for a User Experience Specialist.
- PrairieCat surveyed their Union List members to get a better understanding of their configuration and how they are set up. Most respondents, particularly from public and school sectors, indicated no immediate need for an upgrade, citing budget concerns or current system fulfillment. However, some expressed interest in exploring this option further, particularly when automated.

Administrative Issues

- The Council reviewed final election slate for the upcoming FY25 election. It was noted that we did not receive any nominations for the Tier 3 Technical Services Committee seats and will have to run a special election for those openings next month.
- The Custom Consortia Executive Director Compensation & Benefits Survey came in at \$2,000. The Council agreed to move forward with the survey.
- PrairieCat will work on updating the strategic plan and activity plan using the existing framework as a basis.
- The Council approved the revisions to the General Policy Manual, eligibility requirements for school libraries.
- The Council approved the changes to the Years of Service policy as presented.
- The Council approved the changes to bills notices process per recommendation from the Circulation Committee.

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- Resource Sharing Committee reviewed the feedback from the Resource Sharing Summit and suggestions for future meetings. The other discussion was about providing holds to non-PrairieCat reciprocal borrowers.

Next Meeting – Friday, June 7th, DeKalb Public Library

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