PrairieCat Delegates Assembly
Brief
January 29, 2025

Finance Committee report – Report from 12/19/2024

- The Finance Committee welcomed Kim Halsey from the Sycamore Public Library as a new committee member and discussed the FY26 draft budget.

PrairieCat membership update, training and outreach report

- Mills and Petrie is upgrading from Union List to Basic Online.
- There is also new training available on TalentLMS. We have added Vega Discover Showcases training. PrairieCat is also offering a couple Vega Discover Showcases Q&A sessions.
- PrairieCat is offering a series of IPLAR Q&A sessions. These are almost monthly sessions on Mondays via Zoom.
- PrairieCat has soft launched our website forums to some committees to ensure the forums are working as expected before launching to the membership.
- Save the Date for PUG Day 2025. PUG Day 2025 will be an in-person event. It will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025, at the Bend XPO in East Moline, IL.
- The membership is required to attend all the quarterly Delegates Assembly meetings, and we do have a non-attendance fine if your library does not meet the minimum requirements.
- The PrairieCat Passport Program is a new program started this fiscal year to encourage people to attend Delegates Assembly and to visit area libraries.

ACTION: Approve change to PrairieCat Bylaws regarding in-person Delegate Assembly attendance and Capital reserves

- The Delegates voted to approve the changes to the PrairieCat Bylaws as presented.

Review, FY26 draft budget and fees

- This draft budget includes a 3% staff salary increase for all staff is included, as well as a 1% merit increase.
- The hosting charge was combined with the per library charge, and both charges were adjusted up 5% in FY26.
- The biggest change we made with this budget is the way we are handling Reserves.

Presentation: Anne Slaughter, RAILS, the DCEO Broadband Advisory Council

- Anne Slaughter with RAILS and a member of the DCEO Broadband Advisory Council gave a presentation on "What's Happening with Broadband, Digital Equity, and Libraries.

Next regularly scheduled meeting, April 30, 2025, Mendota Civic Center, Mendota, IL and online via Zoom