

PrairieCat Administrative Council

Brief

July 10, 2026

Membership update

- Dakota Community Unit School District and UnityPoint Health Medical Library are Union List members who have withdrawn from PrairieCat. Putnam County Library, a Fully Participating member, has six locations and are closing their Magnolia Library branch.
- PrairieCat launched account portal this week. Patron Assist is a feature that PrairieCat and the User Experience Committee are investigating. Vega SMS Interact product contract was reviewed by the Finance Committee but has now been tabled.
- The webinars for the PUG Day 2026 virtual event have been created and an open registration announcement will be sent out to the membership next week. PrairieCat is working on reserving a date with NIU Rockford for the in-person PUG Day 2027 event.

Administrative issues

- The Council voted to approve Coulter (PrairieCat) and Offerman (TC) as the FY27 OMA and FOIA officers.
- The Executive Committee signed the bank signature card for FY27
- The FY27 Board Manual will be available on the PrairieCat website by the end of the month.
- The Council reviewed language in the General Policy Manual regarding Administrative Council votes and agreed to leave it as is.
- The Council voted to approve investing in a 24-month DTC-CD or traditional CD, whichever has the highest interest rate at the time to lock in interest rates for longer. Also, the remaining funds would be transferred to IL Funds or PTMA, whichever has the best interest rate at the time.
- PrairieCat has been charging North Chicago for having a self-check, which they do not have. This error led to a refund of \$4,853.89.
- The Council added a presentation for the 20-year anniversary of PrairieCat will be added to the Delegates Assembly agenda.

Finance Committee – Report from 6/18/2026

- The Committee discussed the SMS contract, PrairieCat CD options, and reviewed potential health insurance coverage options.

Next meeting - Friday, August 7, 2026, at Three Rivers Public Library District, Minooka, IL