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PrairieCat Administrative Council Brief November 6, 2026

Membership update

- PrairieCat staff had a preliminary call with New Lenox PLD and Pinnacle about the withdrawal of New Lenox PLD. The target migration date is September 2027.
- PUG Day 2026 was a virtual event with 490 webinar attendees across the 15 live sessions, with representation from 60 libraries.
- Save the date for the in person event PUG Day 2027 on Thursday, August 26, 2027 at NIU Rockford Conference Center in Rockford, IL.
- There were 96 responses to the survey. Overall, the results were very positive. PrairieCat staff will follow up as needed on suggestions and reported issues.

Administrative issues

- The Council voted to approve changes to the General Policy Manual regarding committees and standing groups.
- The working group is reviewing the RFIs from vendors regarding ILS software. This is an information gathering process to analyze the current ILS market.
- Kathy Peschang, River Valley District Library Director, has been elected for the open Tier 3 seat vacated on the Administrative Council. The term ends June 30, 2027.
- Bard Posinger volunteered to serve on the open seat on the Finance Committee.

Next meeting - Friday, December 4, 2026, at the Sandwich Public Library District