



**Engagement Committee  
Minutes  
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 2 PM**

Zoom, registration link:

<https://raillibraries.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ucu-rqTsjH9GyXh0frlukzdBY7PqNpB5t>

- I. Welcome and introductions  
Present: Elizabeth Smith (PrairieCat), Rici Dale (RL), Chelsey DeSplinter (PrairieCat), Lisa Powell Williams (MX), Magda Bonny (PrairieCat), Karrah Kuykendall (RP)  
  
Absent: Victoria Blackmer (CV), Dana Fine (PR), Rachel Ippolito (RI), Melissa Landis (PrairieCat), Patti Smith (RO)
- II. Review charge of Engagement Committee
  - a. Charge: The Engagement Committee works to actively engage members at all levels, to create connections and advance the organization through activities like PrairieCat's annual conference PUG Day, peer networking opportunities, and more.
  - b. Meeting Frequency: Bi-monthly meetings in even-numbered months. August, October, February, April, June. 2nd Wednesday at 2:00 pm via Zoom.
- III. FY23 Committee Members  
Smith (PrairieCat) would like to recruit a few new members to the Engagement Committee. There will be a call out in the PrairieCat Newsletter this month. Please send any recruitment suggestions to [elizabeth.smith@prairiecat.info](mailto:elizabeth.smith@prairiecat.info).  
  
Powell-Williams (MX) will serve on the Engagement Committee until the end of PUG Day 2022.
- IV. PUG Day 2022
  - a. Review survey results  
Smith (PrairieCat) presented the PUG Day 2022 survey results. The results came in as expected.
  - b. Review any program proposal submissions  
Smith (PrairieCat) shared the program proposals for PUG Day 2022.
    - Kelly Jensen, Editor, Book Riot - Empowered Against Book Bans. Kelly would cost \$200 for her webinar.
    - Lauren Offerman, Three Rivers Public Library District - Library Road Trip: Welcoming People Back Into Our SpacesThe Committee agrees all the proposals sound great and interesting.



c. Review tentative presenters

Smith (PrairieCat) said she has confirmed Amanda Standerfer's presentation on Board Management: Back to Basics.

Smith also gave a list of programs that Patrick Lloyd could present. Patrick offers either 60 minute or 90 minute sessions. The Committee decided to go with "Approaching Patrons Who Have Experienced Trauma." Dale (RL) stated this session would be beneficial for every staff member in the library. Powell-Williams (MX) stated she would prefer a 90 minute session instead of 60 minutes.

The Committee is also very interested in a book repair session. Smith will reach out to the University of Illinois to see what they offer.

d. Share draft event banner / program schedule

Smith (PrairieCat) stated she has slotted in 15-minute breaks between sessions and an hour lunch. The open spots on the schedule can be filled with PrairieCat Staff programs and a possible legal presentation by our lawyers, KTJ.

e. Discuss timeline for registration

Smith (PrairieCat) set the goal of opening registration by the end of June/beginning of July.

V. Member Events Schedule for 2022

a. In-person Member Updates – April 19-22, 2022

i. Share stats and feedback

Smith (PrairieCat) said that the Member Updates were attended well. Moline had the most in person attendance with about 20 attendees. The other locations all had about 10 attendees and the Zoom webinar had 24. The events seemed to go well.

b. Back-to-school event – Update

Smith (PrairieCat) said we are still on track for the Back-to-School event in September. She will be touching base with Melissa soon on agenda/schedule. The event will be a 3 hour zoom afternoon session, people can come and go as needed, and it will be recorded.

VI. FY22 Meeting Scheduled:

Next Meeting: Aug 10, 2022 at 2 pm via Zoom