



*Promoting all libraries in Indiana and fostering  
the professional growth of our members*

## **Consider a Leadership Position in Indiana Library Federation**

### ***Working together toward a sustainable future for Indiana's libraries***

The Indiana Library Federation (ILF) is seeking volunteers to step into the leadership roles below. **All leadership positions require annual membership and active participation within ILF.** Note that ILF is planning by-laws changes to align with nonprofit law and best practices in 2017. Pending changes will not remove our need for committed individuals to volunteer; rather the “titles,” job descriptions and meeting frequency *may* change within the coming year as we engage our [Strategic Visioning process](#).

*If you are interested in any of the positions below, please email a letter of interest with the requested information to Lucinda at [Exec@ilfonline.org](mailto:Exec@ilfonline.org) with I WANT TO SERVE in the subject line. Preference will be given to those received by January 27.* The Executive officers of the Board will review and recommend to the Board for approval. Your letter of interest should include the following elements:

- 1) **ABOUT YOU:** contact information, where you work and where you live
- 2) **LEADERSHIP POSITION YOU SEEK** – Which leadership position do you seek? Are you open to various leadership positions if we have multiple candidates? If for the ILF Board, are you a potential future treasurer or assistant treasurer? If for an Association, Committee, Division or District, how would you prefer to contribute?
- 3) **YOUR EXPERTISE/EXPERIENCE** – What is your area of expertise or experience in libraries? What experience do you have with ILF or other volunteer experience that would contribute to your successful tenure in the volunteer leadership position you seek?
- 4) **YOUR VISION FOR ADVANCING LIBRARIES** – What is your vision for how ILF will advance Indiana's libraries for the future? What do you aim to contribute to that future in the role you seek?

**ILF Executive Board of Directors (3 positions)** – governs all legal, financial and programmatic aspects of the nonprofit statewide organization Indiana Library Federation, Inc.

- **Description of need:** three vacancies for unforeseen circumstances. Ideally, one of the new board members will consider a Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer role within 1 year.
  - Member-at-Large position – may be a member of IPLA, AISLE or Trustee
  - Trustee position –an active Trustee with a Public Library
  - IALA representative – willing to serve on the IN Academic Libraries Association board and serve as the representative on the ILF Board.
- **Time requirements:** : The Executive Board usually meets in Indianapolis on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoons in “even” months and via conference calls in odd months. While conference call is an option, some level in-person attendance is important for effective participation.
- **Expectations:** Actively participate in and support at least one Association, Committee, Division or activity. Board members govern the statewide association by nonprofit law and best practices.

**IALA, Indiana Academic Library Association Board** – informs ILF of the needs of academic libraries and promote academic library and information services in Indiana.

- **Description of need:** the IALA board has a number of vacancies for unforeseen circumstances. Ideally, one of the new board members will also serve on the ILF board as the IALA representative and ensure the range of academic perspectives in ILF decisions.
- **Time requirements:** IALA Board usually meets about 4 times/year via conference call.
- **Minimum Expectation:** Member of ILF who chooses affiliation with IALA or member of ACRL-IN.

**IPLA, Indiana Public Library Association Board** – informs ILF of the needs of public libraries and aligns the public library community on matters of common interest.

- **Description of need:** the IPLA board has one vacancy.
- **Time requirements:** IPLA Board usually meets monthly on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays (odd months in person in Indianapolis and even months via conference call).
- **Minimum Expectation:** Any member of ILF with IPLA affiliation.

**AISLE, Association of Indiana School Library Educators Board** - informs ILF of needs of school libraries and promotes school library media centers

- **Description of need:** AISLE seeks school librarians willing to serve in leadership; because of demands and reductions in the number of school librarians (esp within certain districts), AISLE has not been able to fill many of the board positions (43 total) as listed in the current by-laws. Note that planned by-laws changes will reduce the number and type of board positions in 2017.
- **Time requirements:** The AISLE Board usually meets in person four times a year (usually on Saturdays) in person at a Central Indiana school and at the Annual Conference.
- **Minimum Expectation:** AISLE Board members are expected to serve actively on at least one committee within AISLE or ILF.

**ILTA, Indiana Library Trustee Association** – informs ILF of the perspectives and needs of trustees serving with public libraries. The ILF Office holds periodic conference calls with trustees.

**Committees, Divisions and Districts** – A number of Committees, Divisions and Districts have vacancies according to current by-laws. While ILF will revise by-laws in 2017, our need for volunteers will remain. *If you are interested in pursuing a volunteer or leadership position in a Committee, Division or with a District Conference planning committee, please submit your interest with the same elements on the prior page.*

**Key Committees:**

- Awards, Honors and Scholarships
- Intellectual Freedom
- Legislative
- Membership –to focus on outreach to lapsed and potential new members
- Professional Development/ Conferencing/Annual Conference
- Publications/Communications – especially need volunteers related to *Indiana Libraries Journal* and graphic design experts and electronic communications

**Divisions and Districts** - Many members identify their preferred division and location for district affiliation *when joining or renewing membership*. We also welcome volunteers to submit letters of interest to join leadership within a District or Division.