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To: Voting Representatives, LibraryLinkNJ
From: Executive Board with Bylaws Committee, LibraryLinkNJ
Re: Recommended Bylaws Revision
Date: For Action at December 5, 2013 Membership Meeting

BACKGROUND

Recommendation to Executive Board for October 17, 2013 Meeting; approved by Board

The Executive Board Bylaws Committee of LibraryLinkNJ (**Ruth Bogan** – Chair, PALS Plus, **Heather Craven**, County College of Morris, **Jane Crocker**, Gloucester County College, and **Kathy Schalk-Greene**, Mount Laurel Library) recommends the following revisions to Article IV, Section 2 the bylaws. Below are, first, the revised text we recommend, and following that the text as it now appears in the bylaws.

The Committee was charged with replacing the existing option for nominations to the Executive Board from the floor to an alternative process that would work better for our multiple-site webcast membership meetings. We were advised to consider the petition process that Highlands had used. In order to ensure that a petition process could be successful, we needed to also add a timetable for notifying the membership of the slate, which also does not exist currently. At the meeting, the Bylaws Chair and Executive Director were charged to also clarify eligibility in Article V, Section 1 to state that individual must be a Voting Representative prior to election.

ACTION

- December 5 Membership Meeting by LibraryLinkNJ Voting Representatives
- Members may view the full LibraryLinkNJ Bylaws at:
http://librarylinknj.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/LibraryLinkNJ_Bylaws_0.pdf

Proposed Revision

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS
Section 2. Board Nominating Committee Duties

The Board Nominating Committee will present the membership with a slate of candidates for election to the Executive Board.

- a. The slate will include the appropriate number of eligible candidates to the Executive Board to serve three-year terms as prescribed by the expiring terms.
- b. The slate will be presented to the membership no later than three (3) weeks before the election.
- c. Members who are eligible to serve on the Executive Board and are not part of the slate may indicate their intention to stand for election by petition.

- i. The petition will state the name, credentials and eligibility of the candidate, and the position for which the candidate would like to be considered.
- ii. The petition must be signed by 15 voting members of LibraryLinkNJ and must be submitted to the Executive Director no later than one (1) week before the election.
- iii. If any of the above requirements are not met, the petition will be invalid.
- iv. The membership will be notified of petition candidates no later than two (2) days before the election.

ARTICLE V - THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Number, Composition and Eligibility

The one-year Transition Executive Board consists of sixteen members representing the Executive Boards of the four previous Regional Library Cooperatives. Commencing FY12, the Executive Board shall consist of fifteen members, elected from the general membership with a balanced representation statewide as follows:

- a. Two lay representatives, neither of which may be a librarian or retired librarian.
- b. One representative each from an academic, school district, public, special, and institutional library, each of which will be the designated LibraryLinkNJ Voting Representative for his/her institution prior to election.
- c. Eight members-at-large, each of which will be the designated LibraryLinkNJ Voting Representative for his/her institution prior to election.
- d. Four Library Network Review Board (LNRB) members who serve ex officio.



Current Bylaws

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS

Section 2. Board Nominating Committee Duties

The Board Nominating Committee will present the membership with a slate which facilitates the election of:

- a. The appropriate number of members of the Executive Board to serve a three-year term as prescribed by the expiring terms.
- b. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of election.

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