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TO: LibraryLinkNJ Membership
FROM: Adele Puccio, Chair, LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board, Bylaws Committee
DATE: April 19, 2018

RE: **Proposed Bylaws Change**

The LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board, at their meeting of April 19, 2018 approved the following proposed amendment to Article V, Section 1 of the By-laws subject to a final vote of the Membership. The proposed revised text is below:

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.

Rationale:

In order to meet our strategic goals pertaining to equity, diversity, and representation of colleagues throughout the state, LibraryLinkNJ must draw from a wider pool of candidates for the Executive Board.

LibraryLinkNJ is committed to working with an Executive Board that is representative of the diversity of our field and of our state, as a whole. We are also committed to providing leadership development opportunities to colleagues throughout their careers. At present, our bylaws obligate us to nominate colleagues to the Executive Board from a pool limited to Cooperative Voting Representatives. We propose the following change in order to expand and diversify the pool of potential Executive Board members.