

Proposal from LGM for the make up of the Board for the new Library System
To be voted on by the Panel at the Dec. 2, 2010 meeting.

The law with key sections highlighted.

(75 ILCS 10/5) (from Ch. 81, par. 115)

Sec. 5. Each library system created as provided in Section 4 of this Act shall be governed by a board of directors numbering at least 5 and **no more than 15 persons**, except as required by Section 6 for library systems in cities with a population of 500,000 or more. **The board shall be representative of the variety of library interests in the system, and at least a majority shall be elected or selected from the governing boards of the member public libraries, with not more than one director representing a single member library.** For library systems as defined in subparagraph (3) of the definition of "library system" in Section 2, the board members shall be representative of the types of libraries that library system serves. The number of directors, the manner of election or selection, the term of office and the provision for filling vacancies shall be determined by the system governing board except that all board members must be eligible electors in the geographical area of the system. **No director of any library system, however, shall be permitted to serve for more than a total of 6 years unless 2 years have elapsed since his sixth year of service.**

The board of directors shall elect a president, secretary and treasurer. Before entering upon his duties, the treasurer shall be required to give a bond in an amount to be approved by the board, but in no case shall such amount be less than 50% of the system's area and per capita grant for the previous year, conditioned that he will safely keep and pay over upon the order of such board all funds received and held by him for the library system. The funds of the library system shall be deposited in a bank or savings and loan association designated by the board of directors and shall be expended only under the direction of such board upon properly authenticated vouchers.

No bank or savings and loan association shall receive public funds as permitted by this Section, unless it has complied with the requirements established pursuant to Section 6 of the Public Funds Investment Act.

The members of the board of directors of the library system shall serve without compensation but their actual and necessary expenses shall be a proper charge against the library fund.

(Source: P.A. 93-527, eff. 8-14-03.)

LGM Proposal for the make up of the first board to serve for 1 year.

The Board will be made up of 15 members with a composition of:

- 8 trustees from public libraries 2 each from LCLC, LTLS, RPLS, ShLS
- 2 Public Librarians
- 3 School Librarians
- 1 Special Librarian
- 1 Academic Librarian

Process for Selection/appointment of the New Board

The first board will be appointed from members of the current system boards. They should have at least one year left on their current term of office. Exceptions could be made if no librarian candidate is available to fill a slot.

The each System Board will appoint two trustees to serve on the new board. Each system board will submit names of librarian board members willing to serve on the new board. These names will be submitted to the LGM committee. Names will be pooled by type and the required number of names drawn from the pool. No more than 2 librarian members can come from the same system and those must be from different types of libraries.

Election of Future Boards.

The terms of office for board members of the new system will be 3 years. A trustee can serve a total of 6 years. Past board members must be off the system board for 2 years before reelection or appointment.

During the first year 15 members will be elected. Nominations will be sought from the membership during month of March. A ballot approved in April and sent to membership. Member voting takes place in May. The new Board takes office July 1. A balance of representation from the former system areas is recommended.

At the first meeting of the New Board, the members will draw lots of 1, 2, or 3 year terms.

Representation	Term	Number of members	Notes
Public Library Trustees	3 years	3	
	2 years	3	
	1 year	2	
Librarians	3 years	3	Librarians from a single type of library will have different terms, i.e. the 2 public librarians can not both have 2 year terms.
	2 years	2	
	1 year	2	

Option 4 was selected based on the number of school and public libraries in the systems. LGM felt this was the best representation. The options of the LGM are below

Representation	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Public Library Trustees 2 from each system	LCLS 2 LTLS 2 RPLS 2 ShLS 2	LCLS 2 LTLS 2 RPLS 2 ShLS 2	LCLS 2 LTLS 2 RPLS 2 ShLS 2	LCLS 2 LTLS 2 RPLS 2 ShLS 2	LCLS 2 LTLS 2 RPLS 2 ShLS 2
Public Librarian	2	2	3 2 from any size, 1 from city over 30,000	2	2
School Librarian	2	2	2	3	2
Special Librarian	1	2	1	1	1
Academic Librarian	2	1	1	1	1
Library Trustee from library over 30,000 pop					1