

South Central Kansas Library System
Executive Committee Nominees and Recommended Bylaws Revisions
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October 30, 2017

At-large Position I

Four-year Term Beginning January 2018 and Ending December 2021

Kristin Sen, Vice Chair, Derby Public Library Board, Derby

Candidate's Statement:

"As a former special library manager, current board member of the Derby Public Library and SCKLS Executive Committee member since 2012, I've appreciated the chance to actively support the important services the South Central Kansas Library System provides to member libraries. From needed grants, to continuing education and training, to creating an environment of camaraderie among libraries across the service area, the SCKLS team exemplifies and supports excellence for all who are involved in providing library services to their communities. I have seen how important it is to have an organization that helps busy librarians stay current on library issues, legislation and technology. I have also appreciated SCKLS's strong commitment to the transparent financial processes and accountability needed to ensure tax funds are used to benefit member libraries and their patrons. The SCKLS Director and staff are truly invested in the development and future of our member libraries.

I appreciate your consideration for me to continue to serve on the SCKLS Executive Committee. I have been thankful for the opportunity to be part of an organization that is so important to our local librarians, their patrons and their boards. If chosen, I will continue to support the SCKLS team and their mission "to assist member libraries in providing excellent service to their communities."

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At-large Position II
Four-year Term Beginning January 2018 and Ending December 2021

Gail Niles Stucky, Co-director and Public Services Librarian, Bethel College Library, North Newton

Candidate's Statement:

“The South Central Kansas Library System offers many valuable services to public, academic, school and special libraries/librarians. During my years of service on the Executive Committee, this group has stayed committed to maximizing the value of SCKLS grants, training, and other services to member libraries. SCKLS plays a key role for libraries in leveraging all available resources to keep offering their patrons the best in materials and services. I look forward to continuing work with the Executive Committee to assure that SCKLS continues to facilitate access to libraries and their resources to all SCKLS residents.”

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Public School District Libraries
Four-year Term Beginning January 2018 and End December 2021

Gail Becker, Supervisor of Library Media & Textbook Services, USD 259 Wichita Public Schools

Candidate's Statement:

“The South Central Kansas Library System has provided many resources to me personally and professionally for many years. Growing up on a farm in Kingman County, I relied on SCKLS for reading material through my teen years. I did not know at that time that someday I would share their passion and pursue a career in Library Media. As a School Librarian, I have written and received Continuing Education grants from SCKLS which have been valuable in my professional development. Our district has benefitted from the professional expertise of SCKLS staff members as they have provided in-district training to our library staff. I would be honored to serve on the SCKLS Executive Committee and work with others to ensure that the mission of SCKLS continues to support area libraries as they provide vital services to their communities. “Since its inception in 1968, member libraries throughout the south central Kansas region have benefitted from South Central Kansas Library System’s services. Although libraries have been gravely impacted by continued reductions in state funding, SCKLS has continued to provide grants, continuing education, and other services that are vital for libraries to remain a solid base within their respective communities.”

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**Gateway Public Libraries
Four-year Term Beginning January 2018 and Ending December 2021**

Kerri Steffen, Director, Cunningham Public Library

Candidate's Statement:

I feel honored for the chance to serve on the Executive Committee and glad for an opportunity to support a system that does so much good in my community and in other communities and cities across South Central Kansas. By being on the Executive Committee I hope to gain further insight and understanding of SCKLS and to be a positive and knowledgeable representative of SCKLS in my community and in Kingman County."

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**Service Center I Public Libraries
Four-year Term Beginning January 2018 and Ending December 2021**

Eldon Younce, Director, Anthony Public Library

Candidate's Statement:

"I have been a part of the South Central Kansas Library System for seven years as Director of the Anthony Public Library. Even with forty-one years of experience as a public school librarian, I quickly learned to rely on SCKLS for expert guidance in many areas of library service to our community. My knowledge and understanding of the inner-workings of SCKLS have grown considerably while serving on the Executive Committee the past four years. It will be a pleasure to be a part of helping the SCKLS staff to continue to provide the best possible service to the libraries in our twelve-county system."

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**Service Center II Public Libraries
Four-year Term Beginning January 2018 and Ending December 2021**

Susan Woodard, Director, Cheney Public Library

Candidate's Statement:

“Being a part of the SCKLS Executive Committee and having the pleasure of helping to guide how our regional system benefits and enhances our libraries, has been such a privilege. I take serving on this Board very seriously and would very much welcome the opportunity to serve and represent the interests for the At-large Position II. Thank you for considering my nomination. “

Recommended Bylaws Revisions

Shall the Bylaws Revisions as recommend by the SCKLS Executive Committee and as posted August 25, 2017 at:

<http://sckls.info/DocumentCenter/Home/View/202>

be approved by the System Board?

In favor

Opposed

Certification

I certify that I am a duly appointed SCKLS System Board Representative, elected SCKLS Executive Committee Member or Governor's Appointee.

Signature

Print Name

Name of Library or Position