



**Special Meeting of the Board – Minutes**  
**March 1, 2011**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Teleconference**

Attending: George Pilling, Patrick Newell, Anne Bernardo, Donna Chandler, Norman Hutcherson, Deborah Janzen. Excused: La Veta Westling

George Pilling, Board President, called the special meeting of the Board to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

- I. Action item – To discuss and vote on the disposition of school library members that no longer qualify for membership because they do not have a certificated teacher librarian (Library Media Teacher) in place.

George reviewed the membership eligibility and termination of membership as provided in the Bylaws of the Heartland Regional Library Network. Discussion ensued. According to his updated membership list, Patrick Newell has 50 institutional and public library members, and 21 have responded they will be attending the March 4 Council meeting.

Discussion continued regarding whether school libraries are Heartland members if they no longer meet the membership eligibility standards under Heartland Bylaws, Art. 3, Sec. 2.B.5. Due to changes in the schools, there are a number of school libraries without a qualifying person on staff, and no one in authority to respond whether they choose to remain a Heartland member. Discussion continued.

Patrick asked whether the conditional membership provision in Heartland Bylaws, Art. 3, Sec. 7.B could apply to those schools which no longer meet the eligibility standards. Discussion ensued. Upon motion by Norman Hutcherson, second by Deborah Janzen, and a roll call vote: Patrick Newell – yes, George Pilling – yes, Deborah Janzen – yes, Norman Hutcherson – yes, Donna Chandler – yes, Anne Bernardo – yes; it was unanimously

**RESOLVED:** Institutional library members who no longer meet the qualifying membership criteria are non-voting conditional members.

The Board discussed its notification to the Library of California regarding Heartland membership changes. Before notifying the state board, Patrick reviewed a draft letter he has prepared to be sent to those libraries that did not respond to the Notice of Intent mailed earlier with the Council meeting invitation. Discussion ensued. Upon motion by Patrick Newell, second by Norman Hutcherson, and a roll call vote: Donna Chandler – yes, Norman Hutcherson – yes, Deborah Janzen – yes, Patrick Newell – yes, George Pilling – yes, Anne Bernardo – yes; it was unanimously

**RESOLVED:** The Board directs the Council Chair to notify all institutions who did not respond to the Notice of Intent that they are non-voting conditional members, and their Heartland membership will end if no written response to continue as a member is received by April 1, 2011.

The same letter would also be sent to those member libraries who had said in recent phone contacts that they wanted to withdraw, but no written confirmation has been received.

The membership changes will be discussed at the March 4 Council meeting.

Patrick will send out the notification letters immediately.

There being no further discussion, George adjourned the special meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Bernardo