



**Date: November 5, 2021**

If you have questions, concerns, compliments please direct them to the Executive Board representative for your zone.

## **BOARD**

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- Next general board meeting is November 27<sup>th</sup> (10:00am). [The draft agenda](#) includes the Zoom link.
- [Draft Minutes](#) of the August 27, 2021 general board meeting are available.
- We are accepting feedback [on these policies](#) prior to the November 27 Board meeting.
- We are scheduled to meet with the following municipal councils next week: Sturgeon County, Town of Lamont, and the Village of Boyle.
- This week we received notice of the following board appointments from their municipalities: **Lamont County** – Daniel Warawa, **Sturgeon County** – Matthew McLennan, **Town of Bonnyville** – David Sharun, **Town of Morinville** – Jennifer Anheliger, **Town of Smoky Lake** – Amy Cherniwchan, **Town of Tofield** – Harold Conquest, **Town of Viking** – Gary Hafso, **Town of Wainwright** – Rick Fountain, **Village of Boyle** - Barbara Smith, **Village of Chauvin** – Sheila Donally, **Village of Edgerton** – Jennifer Beattie, **Village of Holden** – Travis Schiewe, **Village of Marwayne** – Chris Neureuter, **Village of Waskatenau** – Tyson Burlingette.
- Thus far, we welcome 24 new representatives to the board. Additionally, 3 reps are returning as alternates. I have confirmation of 3 returning representatives and 2 returning alternates. We also welcome 8 new alternate representatives.
- If you are new you'll want to review our [board orientation package](#).
- Our Public Library Services Branch consultant, Katrina Peachey, will offer 2 board orientation webinars for NLLS reps in December. You may want to mark your calendar for the date and time that works best for you: December 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm OR December 16<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm. [Register here](#).

## **OPERATIONS**

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- The [Service Catalog](#) is being prepped by the printers.
- We are working on our budget presentation for the upcoming general board meeting.
- In April 2020 we undertook a professional network security assessment. In conjunction with our TRAC partners, we began the second phase to that assessment this week, the development of an implementation plan to address issues raised by the assessment and obtaining in-depth training for our Technology Services Staff.
- We sent a proposal on changes to our van run for the new year to libraries for feedback. This is step one in a collaborative process to identify the best use of resources. We will be adding two new libraries to the run in early 2022. We appreciate the feedback we've received thus far. There will be future consultations as we work out best routes.

## **LIBRARIES**

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- The MLS team's weekly webinar was on Polaris Reports – taught by Joanne Knysh. You can view past webinars on [our YouTube Channel](#).
- I received the first draft of an [exciting proposal](#) to add low cost hold locker pickup locations in the system. Stay tuned, we'll be looking for partners on a pilot project there.
- The MLS team completed a salary survey of our libraries last week. The PDF is available from [our knowledge base](#).