

LCLS Board of Directors
Guidelines for Subsidized Attendance at Library Conferences and Events

The LCLS Board of Directors is dedicated to the concept that continuous learning and professional development are cornerstones of librarianship and System expectations. To that end, the LCLS Board of Directors appreciates and adheres to the idea that continuous learning allows all to:

- Refresh basic education by mastering new concepts in a constantly changing environment
- Keep up with the new knowledge and skills required to perform their roles responsibly
- Prepare for specialization in a new area
- Enjoy the intrinsic satisfaction resulting from learning

The purpose of these guidelines is to outline the use of limited System funds for the partial subsidy of Board of Directors attendance at library conferences and educational events.

The priority for board attendance at conferences and events shall be:

1. Board President
2. Board Vice President
3. Board Secretary or Treasurer
4. Board Members in their first term of office
5. Board Members in their second term of office

- * For the Illinois Library Association Conference, the LCLS shall sponsor up to 2 board members' attendance.
- * For the American Library Association Annual Conference, the LCLS shall sponsor 1 board member's attendance.
- * For Illinois Library Day in Springfield, the LCLS shall sponsor all board members' attendance.
- * For ALA Legislative Day in Washington DC, the LCLS shall sponsor up to 2 board members' attendance.
- * For other events that have direct application to their role as an LCLS Board member, the LCLS shall rely on the Board President's discretion, based on the Executive Director's recommendations as determined by budget constraints.

As funding allows, the System shall subsidize and reimburse Board members' attendance to the above outlined events at 2/3 of the costs for registration, meals, travel, and hotel accommodations. Registration costs will be at the early bird rate if there is one. The final 1/3 of costs will be covered by the Board member's represented library or by other means.

The LCLS Board of Directors is dedicated to the participation by the System staff at continuous learning and professional development opportunities before Board participation at such events. Board participation is encouraged based on available openings and funding.

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