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NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

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Candidate Steven V. Potter

I accept the nomination to serve as a candidate for: Amigos Library Services Board of Directors

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION		MAILING ADDRESS
Steven V. Potter		15616 E. US Hwy 24
Library Director		Independence, MO 64050
Mid-Continent Public Library		
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
Master of Public Administration	University of Missouri, Kansas City	2005
Master of Arts, Library Science	University of Missouri, Columbia	1991
Bachelor of Arts, History	University of Missouri, Kansas City	1989
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Library Director	Mid-Continent Public Library	2010 to Present
Asst. Library Director	Mid-Continent Public Library	2006-2010
Business Manager	Mid-Continent Public Library	2003-2006
Area Administrative Librarian	Mid-Continent Public Library	1999-2006
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
Outstanding Achievement 2012-2013, College of Education, University of Missouri		
Public Administrator of the Year Award -- Local Government, American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) -- Greater Kansas City Chapter 2015		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Library Association, Public Library Association, Missouri Library Association, Missouri Public Library Directors, Rotary International.

Member of the Board of Amigos Library Services, Mid-America Library Alliance, Independence Chamber of Commerce, and Truman Heartland Community Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

All In Startup for Libraries by Diana Kander and Steve Potter
Library Journal
June 1, 2015

The Purpose-Based Library by John Huber and Steve Potter
Neal-Schuman an Imprint of the American Library Association
April 21, 2015

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

I believe that libraries are at a very critical juncture. We are required to improve processes, to do less with more, provide all the services that people have always enjoyed, while offering new and innovative services. For libraries to be relevant to their communities, they need to show that they provide true value. All of this, sounds good, but is very hard for libraries. Most of us entered the profession wedded to our mission and our efforts to make the world a better place. Most of us never thought we'd be challenged to PROVE that we are making the world a better place and that we are worthy of the support that our predecessors took for granted.

I am proud of the work that I have done as part of the MLNC Board and the MLNC/Amigos merger task force, culminating with my election to the Amigos Board and finally my election as Amigos Board President. The ability for all of us to work together to create economy of scale around resource sharing, continuing education, and exploring new ventures to secure our economic future have been very rewarding. I believe that our profession and our association is ideally positioned to move forward in a progressive and innovative way. My hope is that I'll be able to serve another term to help see those goals through.

Signature

29 February 2016
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