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Candidate **Randy Roberts**

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

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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Leadership	Creighton University	2013 to present (32 hours completed)
M.L.S.	University of Missouri – Columbia	1993
M.A. (History)	Pittsburg State University	1983
B.A. (History)	Pittsburg State University	1982
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Dean of Library Services	Pittsburg State University	March 2014 to present
Interim Dean of Library Services	Pittsburg State University	June 2013 to March 2014
Curator of Special Collections and University Archivist	Pittsburg State University	August 1997 to August 2015
Senior Manuscript Specialist	University of Missouri-Columbia	November 1983 – August 1997
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Library Association – Member
Kansas Library Association – Member
Society of American Archivists – Member
Midwest Archives Conference – Member/Presenter
Kansas Council of Academic Library Deans and Directors – Member
Council of Deans and Directors of Library – Kansas Regents Institutions – Member
Southeast Kansas Academic Library Council – Member/Presenter
American Association of State Colleges and Universities – Presenter
Kansas Historical Association – Member/Presenter
Kansas Humanities Council – Member/Presenter
Missouri Valley History Conference – Presenter

PUBLICATIONS

“Let it Pass,” Remembering Julius A. Wayland, the One-Hoss Editor of the Appeal to Reason (Pittsburg State University, 2012).
(Co-author) Pittsburg State University: A Photographic History of the First 100 Years (University Press of Kansas, 2009).
(Co-author) Pittsburg, Kansas [Images of America series] (Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing Company, 2009).
A Closer Look: A Brief History of Buildings, Facilities, and Sites of Pittsburg State University and the People for Which They Are Named. (2nd ed., 2007).

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

I am seeking opportunities to contribute to the future viability and sustainability of academic and public libraries. Every library leader is aware of how technologies inspire rapid and constant changes within our institutions and among our library users. Because they work in a dynamic change environment, library staff members also need opportunities to continuously upgrade their service and skill sets. Funding and budget challenges for staffing and for collections are pervasive. The landscapes of our parent institutions, especially in higher education, are also experiencing dramatic changes that impact our services and spaces. In this environment I sense it is critical that library leaders remain true to the traditional missions of academic and public libraries, but also recognize that how we fulfil our missions going forward may look and be very non-traditional. The pathway forward, in my view, revolves around collaborations among libraries and cooperation within consortial agreements. At the state university library I lead, we are part of a regional consortium that includes a community college, several public libraries, and public school media centers. Working together we each strengthen our services to our user communities. I also participate in a recently organized state-wide council of academic libraries that holds great promise for increased collaboration in my state. This is why I am greatly encouraged by the vision and mission statements of Amigos Library Services that emphasize strengthening libraries and services to their communities.

Randy Roberts

24 March 2016

Signature

Date