

AMIGOS LIBRARY SERVICES, INC.
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NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

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Candidate James A. Karney

I accept the nomination to serve as a candidate for: Amigos Library Services Inc., Board of Trustees

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION		MAILING ADDRESS
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
Master of Public Administration	University of North Texas	1996-2000
Master of Science	North Texas State University	1983-1984
Bachelor of Arts	Westminster College	1979-1983
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Director	Waco-McLennan County (Texas) Library	2003-present
Assistant Director Adult Services Manager Assistant Supervisor Reference Services Reference Librarian	Irving (Texas) Public Library System	1984-2003
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
Churchill Scholar – Westminster College 1979-1983 Graduate with High Honors – Westminster College 1983 Rommel History Prize – Westminster College 1983 Phi Alpha Delta – History Honor Society 1982 Phi Delta Kappa – Education Honor Society 1983 Pi Alpha Alpha – Public Administration Honor Society 1999		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Amigos Library Services: Member Board of Trustees 2006-2010, Vice-Chair 2009-2010, Treasurer 2008-09, Budget and Finance Committee 2007-2009.

Texas Library Association: Member 1984-present; Scholarship and Research Committee 2007-present, Chair 2011-present; Public Library Division Legislative Committee 2008-present; Literacy Committee 2003-2007, Chair 2006-2007; Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee, 2000-2003; TALL Texans Leadership Development Program 2000; 2002 Dallas Conference Local Arrangements Committee.

Texas State Library: TexShare Database Cost Sharing Working Group 2011-present; TexShare Education Working Group 2000-2005

Central Texas Library System: Long Range Planning Committee 2005-present, Chair 2009-present

Central Texas Education Network: Member Board of Directors 2003-present

McLennan Community College: Adult Education Advisory Board 2003-present

Rotary Club of Waco: Literacy Committee 2003-present

American Library Association: Member 1984-present; Certified Public Library Administrator Task Force 2000-2003

PUBLICATIONS

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

The last three years have been challenging for libraries. The continuing crush of budget reductions, increasing demands and expectations from users and the never ending race of technology weigh heavily on us. The programs and services that Amigos offers to us through staff training and development, innovative products and cooperative services make it possible for our libraries to fulfill their missions in these times of challenge.

As a member of the Amigos Board, I would call upon my past experience on the board as well as my work experience and service to various state and regional library and educational organizations. My service on the Amigos Board, including Treasurer in 2008-09 and Vice-chair 2009-10, provides me with the knowledge and experience to address the challenges and opportunities ahead as Amigos merges with MLN.

Now more than ever, Amigos is needed by its members to meet the demands of budgets cuts, patron expectations and ever changing technology. I believe in the mission of Amigos and during 27 years as a practicing librarian have seen the benefits it provides to its member libraries and their users.



Signature

March 25, 2012

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