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NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

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Candidate Michelle R. Mears

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

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION		MAILING ADDRESS
Michelle R. Mears		Enid Public Library
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
PhD/Education	Southern Illinois University—Carbondale	2003
MSLIS/Library Science	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1993
BA/Psychology	Southern Illinois University—Carbondale	1990
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Positon	Institution	Dates
Director	Public Library of Enid & Garfield County, OK	August 2008 to present
Director	Arkansas City Public Library, KS	March 2002 to August 2008
Technical Services/ Automation Coordinator	Kansas State University, Salina Campus	August 1999 to March 2002
Reference & Technical Service Librarian Interim Director (7/98 to 7/99)	Rend Lake College, Ina, IL	July 1997 to July 1999
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
<i>Recipient:</i> Higher Education Act Title II-B Fellowship for Library Career Training, 1992-93 <i>Honorary and Academic Societies:</i> Phi Delta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Beta Phi Mu <i>Leadership Training:</i> MPLA Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute 2002, Leadership Cowley County 2003, Public Library Association 3-M Leadership Institute 2008		
MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS		
2007 – 2008	President	Rotary Club President, Arkansas City, KS
2006 – 2007	Member	State Library Advisory Commission, KS
2004 – 2006	Member	Kansas Interlibrary Loan Board of Directors
2004 – 2008	Officer	Kansas Library Association, 2 nd VP, 1 st VP, President, Past-President
2001-02, 2003-04	Coordinator	Kansas Library Association – Library Instruction Round Table

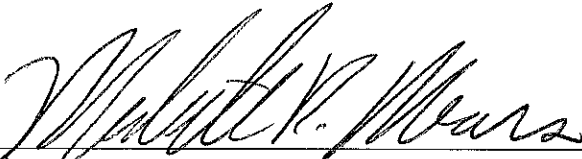
2000 – 2003	National Grant Reviewer	Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grants
1998 – 2000	Committee Member	ACRL Community & Junior College Libraries Section Bibliographic Instruction Committee
1998 – 1999	Secretary	Southern Illinois Learning Resources Cooperative (SILRC)
1998 – 2000	Publications Director	National Council for Learning Resources (NCLR) Affiliate Council of the American Association of Community Colleges
1997 – 2001	Committee Member	ACRL Instruction Section Membership Committee

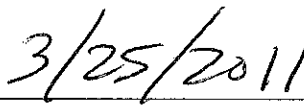
PUBLICATIONS

Nov/Dec 2006	<i>Public Libraries</i> , Vol.45, No. 6, p. 22-23 <i>Perspectives, Edited by Nanci Milone Hill</i> <i>Kansas State Program Helps Collect Municipal Debt</i>
December 2004	<i>Kansas Libraries: Official Newsletter of the Kansas State Library</i> , Dec. 2004 <i>Doing Library Business Online</i>
Fall 2000	<i>NCLR Newsletter for Presidents</i> , Vol. 6, No. 2 <i>Information You Can Use: Information Literacy Resources on the Web</i>
Spring 2000	<i>NCLR Newsletter for Presidents</i> , Vol. 6, No. 1 <i>Information You Can Use: Information Literacy Standards for Higher Education</i>
Fall 1999	<i>NCLR Newsletter for Presidents</i> , Vol. 5, No. 2 <i>Web Sites for Community College Administrators</i>

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

With the relatively recent SOLINET/PALINET/ NELINET merger into Lyrasis and the subsequent acquisition of BCR, now is the time to examine what services are provided by AMIGOS to its members and if the organization is still relevant. OCLC is growing and changing, and the need for training and guidance by a regional cooperative may be reduced as OCLC moves towards more direct interaction with its members. AMIGOS needs to offer more than vendor discounts and expensive training to the membership if it is to remain viable. Members in different states have different concerns, and I would like to see that all are being heard. As a member from Oklahoma, I would like to see if there are any gaps that AMIGOS can fill in for us that are not provided by our state library. Coming more recently from Kansas, who had purchased BCR membership for all its libraries, it might be possible to add to AMIGOS from neighboring states who may not want to be a part of something as large as Lyrasis. I have not made up my mind in one direction or another but I would like the chance to participate in the discussion. I have a lot to learn about the workings of AMIGOS and the broader perspective of its whole membership, and I am honored to be nominated for a position on the AMIGOS Board of Directors.


Signature


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