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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: **Board of Directors (Librarian) 3 Year Term**

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION		MAILING ADDRESS
Steven V. Potter		MCPL Administrative Headquarters
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
Masters in Public Administration Non-Profit and Quasi Govt. Emphasis	University of Missouri -- Kansas City	2000-2005
Masters in Arts, Library Science ALA-MLS Degree	University of Missouri -- Columbia	1990-1991
Bachelor in Arts, History Concentration in recent US History	University of Missouri -- Kansas City	1984-1989
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Library Director and CEO	Mid-Continent Public Library	2010- Present
Assistant Library Director	MCPL	2006-2010
Business Manager	MCPL	2003-2006
North Regional Manager	MCPL	1998-2003
Automation Specialist	MCPL	1995-1998
Branch Librarian	MCPL	1991-1995
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
2013 Outstanding Achievement Award, University of Missouri College of Education		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Independence Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 2011-Present

Urban Library Council, Member 2011-Present

Missouri Library Association, 1990-Present (Conference Local Arrangements, Computers and I.T.

Council Chair, Continuing Ed. Council, Public Library Division Chair, Legislative Committee

Mid-America Library Alliance (AKA KCMLIN), Dues Structure Task Force, Officer since 2010

American Library Association, Member 1990 - Present

University of Missouri, College of Education, Library School Advisory Council, 1995-Present

Rotary Club of Independence, Paul Harris Fellow, 2006-Present

Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC), Board Member. and Merger Task Force, 2010-2012

PUBLICATIONS

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

It is a very exciting time to be involved in libraries. We are asked to be more effective and more efficient. We are asked to be independent and strong, while being collaborative and cooperative. We are required to be relevant and future-looking while honoring our traditions and our past. It is an exciting time to help lead Amigos. The recent merger with the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) allows Amigos to reach into new territories, to explore new cooperative opportunities, and to collaborate in new and very exciting ways.

If successfully elected, I believe that I will bring a lot of positive attributes to the Board. First, when considering incumbent Amigos Board Members, there is only one public librarian. It is important to have strong representation from all types of librarianship. I can strongly represent the needs and voices of public librarianship.

Second, I was part of the MLNC/Amigos merger task force and learned to work very closely with the current board and staff. I had the privilege of sitting on the Board as a non-voting member in 2012-2013. So, while I am new to Amigos and this is my first attempt to gain election, I have been working with Amigos for a while and through some of its most dynamic times.

Third, I am a strong advocate for library cooperation and collaboration. My library has a strong history of leadership undertaking this kind of activity in Missouri. We have to find new and creative ways to collaborate and to better serve our library visitors. I will work to create an environment that fosters even more collaboration.

If elected, I look forward to serving and representing you very well.

Steven V. Potter

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