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Commission

From: Darlene Staffeldt
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Re: Advisory Council Reauthorization process

Date: April 2, 1999

The Advisory Council consists of the members representing the following groups:

1. Eastern Montana Library Users
2. Western Montana Library Users
3. Central Montana Library Users
4. Those who are unable to use traditional library services
5. Public Library Representative
6. Academic Library Representative
7. School Library Representative
8. Montana Legislature Representative
9. Montana Library Association (President or President's designee)

Process:

Each odd numbered year during the month of January, the staff will review the Council list and prepare for the January/February Commission meeting a listing of those positions that will be opened and need to be filled.

At the January/February Commission meeting, the open positions will be accepted and announced. Nomination forms as well as the announcement of open positions will be made available via the State Library's web page, wired-Mt, Big Sky Libraries, Focus, and a letter to libraries and other appropriate representative groups.

Nominations will be due at the State Library by 5:00 pm on the first Monday in April.

At the April/May Commission meeting the Commission will accept the nominations. If the Commission receives more than one nomination for a position, at the meeting prior to May 31st, the Commission will decide which

name(s) to submit to the Governor. By May 31st of each odd-numbered year, the Montana State Library Commission will submit names to the Governor for appointment to the Library Services Advisory Council in accordance with section 2-15-122, MCA.

The process for 1999(since the calendar was not marked for the above process to start in January):

April 14th – Commission will receive from staff a list of position(s) “open” on the Council.

April 15th – Open positions will be announced via Wired-Mt, Big Sky Libraries, Focus, State Library Web page and a letter will be sent to all libraries.

May 28th – All nominations will be at the State Library by 5:00pm.

June 1st – Commission meets by teleconference in the morning to confirm list of Advisory Council to send to Governor in the afternoon

Please know that the following Advisory Council members would like to stay on for another term. These folks all qualify for another term:

Eastern Montana Library Users – Wes Plann
Western Montana Library Users – Peggy Bloom
Central Montana Library Users – Gloria Wahl
Academic Library Representative – Lois Fitzpatrick
School Library Representative - Lynn Donovan
Montana Legislature Representative - Representative Linda McCulloch
Montana Library Association - Bruce Newell

The following Advisory Council positions are currently open or will be open as of June 1999 and need to be announced for new nominations:

Those who are unable to use traditional library services
Public Library Representative