

BEFORE THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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| In the matter of the amendment of |) | NOTICE OF AMENDMENT |
| ARM 10.102.1150A, 10.102.1150B, |) | |
| 10.102.1150C, 10.102.1150D, |) | |
| 10.102.1150E, 10.102.1150F, |) | |
| 10.102.1150G, 10.102.1150H, |) | |
| 10.102.1150I, 10.102.1150J, |) | |
| 10.102.1150K, 10.102.1150L, |) | |
| 10.102.1150M and 10.102.1157 |) | |
| pertaining to library standards |) | |

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On April 29, 2010 the Montana State Library published MAR Notice No. 10-100-101 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules at page 958 of the 2010 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 8.

2. The department has amended the following rules as proposed: ARM 10.102.1150B, 10.102.1150C, 10.102.1150D, 10.102.1150E, 10.102.1150F, 10.102.1150G, 10.102.1150H, 10.102.1150I, 10.102.1150J, 10.102.1150K, 10.102.1150L, 10.102.1150M and 10.102.1157.

3. The department has amended the following rule as proposed, but with the following changes from the original proposal, new matter underlined, deleted matter interlined:

10.102.1150A PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: GENERAL (1) through (2)(b) remain the same.

(c) Monthly, or at least ~~every other month~~ six meetings a year with no gap between meetings greater than 90 days, library board meetings are held in an accessible location at times and a place convenient to the public and according to state laws on public meetings; and

(2)(d) through (4) remain the same.

4. The department has thoroughly considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received and the department's responses are as follows:

COMMENT #1: Commenters supported changing the quarterly meeting requirement for library boards to a lesser time frame but actually felt that requiring six meetings a year would be better to accommodate those that don't meet throughout the summer or that have several meetings closer together during the budget process.

RESPONSE #1: We agree that in some instances, a larger period of time between meetings might be needed. However we still feel strongly that meeting more than quarterly is very beneficial. Therefore the amended standard will require six meetings a year with no more than a 90 day gap between meetings in order to allow some flexibility but still address the original concerns.

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Certified to the Secretary of State June 14, 2010.