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Public Library Advisory Board

Board Members

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Mandate:

The advisory board may advise, and make recommendations to the minister, upon all matters to which the Public Libraries Act refers.

Authority:

[The Public Libraries Act](#)

Membership:

The Public Library Advisory Board, shall consist of not more than six (6) members appointed by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, one of whom shall be appointed from among persons nominated by The Senate of The University of Manitoba, and also the following ex-officio members:

- a) The deputy to the minister or any other person employed by the government under the minister designated for the purpose from time to time by the minister; and
- b) The Director of Libraries.

At its first meeting in each year the advisory board shall elect one of the members thereof to be chairman of the advisory board for that year.

Length of Terms:

A member of the advisory board, unless the member sooner resigns or is removed from office:

- a) Holds office for the term fixed in the order appointing the member, which may not exceed three (3) years; and
- b) Continues to hold office until a successor is appointed.

A member of the advisory board whose term expires may be re-appointed, but no member may serve more than six (6) years in consecutive terms. Once a member has served six years in consecutive terms, the member may not be re-appointed until at least three (3) years have elapsed since the member last served.

Responsibilities:

To advise and make recommendations to the Minister on all matters within The Public Libraries Act. such as:

- The maintenance of standards in respect to the establishment, organization, management, and accommodation, of libraries established and operated under this Act;
- The allocation among libraries, subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed in the rules, regulations or orders, of moneys appropriated by an Act of the Legislature for the purposes of this Act or for public library services;
- The administration of gifts or grants made for the purpose of this Act; the making of such surveys as he may deem necessary or advisable for the purpose of obtaining information to assist in the formulation of policies respecting matters to which this Act relates;
- The establishment and maintenance of, or co-operation with other organizations in establishing and maintaining, classes in librarianship; the establishment of a central library;
- The operation of an open shelf and travelling library service for outlying districts not otherwise served, on a basis or system whereby beneficiaries of the service shall pay such amounts for the use and benefit thereof as may be fixed in the regulations;
- The promotion of the co-ordination and co-operation of all library services in the province, and participation in national library services; the certification of librarians;

Desirable Expertise:

Common practice is that members of the Board have a strong commitment to library service in Manitoba as trustees, librarians or concerned individuals. Board members should represent a broad spectrum including various geographic locations, cultural experience and professional expertise.

Meeting:

Frequency: Determined annually, approximately 5 or 6 meetings per year

Location: Winnipeg

Duration: Evening

Remuneration:

Members are not remunerated for participation on the Committee. Members are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with the GMA.