



Recommendation to V-Cat Council

Select Primary and Alternate IUG Conference Attendees

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Summary:

The 2020 Innovative Users Group (IUG) Conference this April will be held in Minneapolis. The proximity of the event presents the V-Cat Council with an opportunity to send a representative to attend the conference with the ILS Administrator.

Time is of the essence. Hotel room blocks for group rates at the conference location are open into March, though we predict the blocks will be consumed prior to that. Early bird rates for conference registration expire less than two weeks after the typically scheduled February V-Cat Council meeting.

Recommendation:

WVLS recommends that the V-Cat Council identifies one or more staff persons of member libraries (candidates) who would be interested in attending the IUG Conference in representation of the body and selects one primary and one alternate for sponsorship. The primary attendee will accompany the ILS Administrator to the 2020 IUG Conference. Time permitting, the alternate would attend in lieu of the primary if circumstances prevent the primary from being able to attend.

Further, WVLS recommends that if the V-Cat Council wishes to sponsor a candidate but is for any reason unable to select a primary or alternate during the November 7, 2020 V-Cat Council meeting, the Council would instead defer the selection of either candidate to the V-Cat Officers (current Chairperson, current Vice Chairperson, and previous Chairperson) so that the officers may finalize a selection on behalf of the V-Cat Council before the end of this November, 2019.

Proposed minimum criteria for eligibility:

- The candidate has not yet attended IUG.
- The candidate commits to producing a meaningful report of the conference including takeaways from sessions attended and other notes of interest from events throughout the conference.

Recognizing that V-Cat member libraries may need time to identify candidates who are interested and would be able to attend, WVLS recommends that V-Cat Council representatives submit potential candidates along with a brief statement explaining why that candidate would do well in representing V-Cat's interests at IUG 2020. Candidates and statements may be submitted to vcat.officers@wvls.org before the meeting or may be presented verbally during the discussion of this recommendation during the V-Cat Council Meeting. If the selection process is deferred to the V-Cat Officers, they may choose to accept further submissions prior to making the selection(s).