

# V-Cat Voting Models Exploratory Committee Meeting



10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.  
WVLS Conference Room

Wisconsin Valley Library Service Meeting Room  
300 First Street - Wausau WI, 54403

## Meeting Minutes (draft)

(prepared by Katie Zimmermann)

### Attendees:

**Committee Members:** Erica Clarkson – Medford, Debra Kiefer – T. B. Scott, Heidi O’Hare, Tomahawk, Tammie Blomberg – Rib Lake, Dominic Frandrup – Antigo, Kay Heiting – Granton, Katie Zimmermann – WVLS **Others:** Joshua Klingbeil – WVLS

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 by Erica Clarkson, Committee Chair.

### Review of committee purpose and goals

The committee reviewed the charge from the V-Cat Steering Committee to evaluate a variety of voting models and provide input to the Steering Committee was confirmed.

Excerpts from relevant guiding documents including the WVLS Mission & Purpose, Agreement for Participation in V-Cat and the statements of V-Cat Council vision from the 2017-2018 V-Cat Strategic Plan were presented by K. Zimmermann.

### Review of V-Cat bylaws regarding voting

Review of Article 4: Structure – Meetings f., g. and h.

At least 51% of the V-Cat representatives must be present for a vote.

A 2/3 majority of the total representatives in attendance or via proxy will carry the vote.

A 2/3 majority is considered a “super majority.”

Review of Article 3: Participation 1, 2.

Each participating library is granted one vote.

### Review of preliminary information on voting models in use at other library consortia

K. Zimmermann shared basic information gathered on larger Wisconsin library systems’ shared ILS governance and voting models including the following:

- Nicolet Federated Library System and Outagamie Waupaca Library System’s OWLSnet Administrative Advisory Committee
- IFLS’ MORE Network Advisory Committee
- Northern Waters Library Service’s Merlin Consortium
- South Central Library System’s LinkCat ILS Committee

The committee discussed aspects of the voting models including:

- majority and supermajority required across the board or for different types of motions
- representation and weighted voting
- possible formulas for weighting including population, circulation, net lending/borrowing, funding, collection size
- the use of weighted and unweighted models within one system requiring two votes on each motion
- whether or not members need to be present at a meeting to vote on a motion, or if voting is allowed for libraries who are not present

It was clarified that current V-Cat representation is one council member per library, not per building. For example, Antigo and Marathon County both have multiple branch locations but only have one V-Cat representative.

It was clarified that voting models and funding models can be independent of one another.

Origin of this committee following the June 2019 V-Cat Council meeting and the September 2019 V-Cat Steering Committee meeting was discussed, as well as the role of the Steering Committee in reviewing V-Cat bylaws and recommending changes.

K. Heiting proposed that the committee look at more in-depth models that are available and give some consideration to what that might look like for V-Cat and take it back to the Steering Committee.

Committee members expressed a desire to have a voting model that is easy to understand, efficient and fair based on criteria.

The committee agreed to gather more information about voting models and weighting formulas in place at the following consortia:

- Nicolet Federated Library System and Outagamie Waupaca Library System's OWLSnet Administrative Advisory Committee
- IFLS' MORE Network Advisory Committee
- South Central Library System's LinkCat ILS Committee
- Winding Rivers Library System's WRLSWEB

The committee choose not to explore additional alternative models at this time.

### **Request for agenda items**

Committee members will report on information gathered at the next meeting.

Documents can be sent to Katie Zimmermann to facilitate sharing before the next meeting.

### **Set next meeting date**

The next meeting will be the third week of March, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54.