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Candidate Claudia Schoonover

I accept the nomination to serve as a candidate for: Amigos Board of Directors

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION	MAILING ADDRESS	
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
MA in Library Science	University of Missouri-Columbia	1995
BA in English and Communications	Illinois College	1994
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Library Director	Missouri River Regional Library	August 2014-present
Assistant Director of Public Services	Missouri River Regional Library	January 2012-August 2014
Collection Development Manager	Missouri River Regional Library	January 2000-December 2014
Reference Librarian	Missouri River Regional Library	March 1996-December 1999
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
none		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of American Library Association
Member of Public Library Association
Member of Missouri Library Association
Member of Missouri Public Library Directors
MOBIUS Board of Directors

PUBLICATIONS

none

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

As someone who has worked in a public library for over 20 years I have witnessed many changes within our profession. Most importantly, I have seen this profession embrace new technologies and ways of serving the public with great success, fighting budgetary challenges at every turn. Amigos Library Services has been an instrumental part of this success because of their commitment to equip libraries to meet a variety of educational and economic challenges.

I personally believe in the transformative power of public libraries and their ability to meet people's informational needs throughout their lifetime. Many of our mission statements expound on our vital role in lifelong learning. Amigos has made it part of their mission to help libraries achieve their mission with a variety of cost saving opportunities, trainings, and partnerships that would be far less feasible for individual libraries to attain. My library has greatly benefitted from its participation in the Overdrive consortium Amigos manages, which provides access to thousands of eBooks and eAudio we would never be able to offer our patrons due to the sheer cost of that much digital content. This is an example of Amigos at their finest, bringing libraries together to reach our maximum potential.

I am a believer in partnerships and collaborations among libraries. I know firsthand just how beneficial and cost effective they can be. In these economically uncertain times the only thing we can be certain of is our libraries will face budget cuts and administrators who ask us to do more with less. As an Amigos Board Member, I will be an advocate for public libraries and any collaborative efforts that would increase member libraries' ability to effectively and affordably serve their communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Claudia Schoonover
Signature

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Date

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