

Minnesota Library Systems Governance Summary
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Region	Type	Number of Board Members	How Selected
Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CLME)	134.351, subd. 4(b)	11	<p>Combination citizen and library staff Five 5 GRRL citizen members appointed by the GRRL Board, Two ECRL citizen members appointed by the ECRL Board (number is determined by population). Alternates for each shall be chosen in the same manner. 4 board members shall be library workers representing each of the four types of libraries: academic, public regional libraries, school media centers and special libraries. These members are selected by a caucus of the deans, directors, or coordinators from within each type of library. Nomination and election of representatives and their alternates shall remain within each library type.</p>
Metronet	134.351, subd. 4(b)	9	<p>Combination citizen and library staff Five citizen members and four library members, one from each type of library. Library members are nominated by a Board committee from organizational members of Metronet. The slate is then elected by the member organizations (one vote per organizational member). A nominating committee of the Board seeks citizen members who represent different geographic areas of the region through advertisement, application, and interview. The Governing Board selects its new citizen members from the nominees presented to the full Board by the nominating committee.</p> <p><i>[Note: Current Bylaws state that Metronet Board then presents its selection to the Melsa Board for its approval. This is out-of-date and due for discussion at January 2008 Board meeting. It has not been the practice since Melsa Board appointed the first Metronet Board after the governance change.]</i></p>

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North Country Library Cooperative (NCLC)	134.351, subd. 4 (b)	11	Combination citizen and library staff Consisting of seven citizens, not employed in library or information services, and four library or information service workers. The constituent regional public library system boards select the citizen members from the at-large population of the region. Currently the practice is to have one citizen from each of the seven ALS - NCLC counties. The four library and information workers are elected by their peers, one from each type of library: academic, public, school, and special.
Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN)	134.351, subd. 4(b)	11	Combination citizen and library staff Composed of seven citizens appointed by regional public library system boards (but not required to be on the regional board). Two each from VLS, KRL, and LARL; One from NWRL and four librarian staff members, one for each type of library: academic; public; school; and special
Southcentral Minnesota Inter-Library Exchange (SMILE)	134.351, subd. 4(a)	9	Traverse des Sioux Board One per county selected from local city or county library board members, appointed by the county commissioners. Also has an alternate who can vote at meetings if regular board member is absent
Southeast Library System (SELS)	134.351, subd. 4(a)	38	SELCO Board of Directors Citizen board One appointee from each public library board and a potential member from each of 11 counties. Currently three counties opt for individual members, eight counties delegate their appointee from the list of current appointees from that county.

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Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (SAMMIE)	134.351, subd. 4(b)	9	<p>Combination citizen and library staff Composed of three citizens from the Pioneerland Library System; two citizens from the Plum Creek Library System; four(4) library workers, each employed by a different type of member library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens are appointed by the boards of their respective regional public library system and may be members of the regional board or the public at large, but may not be employed in a library. • The school library representative will be elected by written ballot of school library members. • The public library representative will alternate between the Plum Creek and Pioneerland Library Systems. • The special library representative will be selected through written nominations and ballot. • The academic library representative will be selected by the outgoing academic representative after contacting the other academic institutions.