

**Federation Task Force
Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

1:30-3:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Notes

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Call to Order and Introductions

Minutes – **Action**

- [November 10, 2022 Draft Minutes](#)

[What do libraries need to be successful at providing quality library services for community members?](#)

Role of federations within the statewide picture

- [Difference between federations, statewide efforts, and local libraries](#)
- [Summary of what federations do well, what makes them unique](#)

[What changes need to occur to help federations fulfill their unique role in supporting libraries?](#)

- Should they be smaller? Changing federation boundaries
- Should nonpublic libraries be included? Nonpublic libraries in federations

- How do we increase participation of board members? Increasing the value of federations for board members
- Is there a need to raise awareness of the existence of federations? Would this help them fulfill their role? How?

Funding federations – what will help federations best fulfill their role?

- Should we ask for increased funding for retreats?
- Equitable vs. equal
- Should we recommend maintaining money that goes towards statewide projects? Or should we leave as is?
- Should we make other recommendations for use of funding?

Legislative intent – based on our conversation, do we recommend legislative changes? -

Potential Action

Next Steps

Other Business & Announcements

Adjourn

Meeting Info

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