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NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

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Candidate Beth Farwell

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

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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
M.L.I.S.	Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Texas, Austin	1996
M.M.	Graduate School of Music, University of Texas, Austin	1989
B.M.	University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio	1986
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Director of Central Libraries	Baylor University	2016 – present
Associate Director of Central Libraries	Baylor University	2013-2016
Assistant Director for Resources & Collection Management	Baylor University	2001-2013
Music Catalog Librarian	Baylor University	1999-2001
Assistant Music Librarian	University of Minnesota	1997-1999
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
Awards		
Outstanding Faculty Partner Award / Division of Student Life, Baylor University, 2011		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Current Memberships

American Library Association

- Library Leadership & Management Association
- Association for Library Collections & Technical Services
 - Planning Committee
- Texas Library Association
 - Texas Council of Academic Libraries, Texas Independent College and University Libraries

Baylor representative and voting member for Amigos, HathiTrust and Center for Research Libraries

PUBLICATIONS

- “Report on the ALCTS Administrators of Collection Management Interest Group Meeting, American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Chicago, January 2015.” *Technical Services Quarterly* 32.3 (2015): 336-340.
- “Report on the ALCTS Joint Meeting of the Administration of Collection Management Interest Group and Collection Development Librarians of Academic Libraries Interest Group, American Library Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 2015.” *Technical Services Quarterly* (2015)
- “Take the Lead and Reach Out to your Facilities Partners!”, poster session, Texas Library Association Annual Conference, April 8-9, 2014
- 2010 – present, director of annual Preservation Week activities collaborating with local city and county libraries for ‘Cultural Heritage Preservation Week’ including documentation, training, presentations, and events.

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

The Amigos mission to unite libraries for action and strength in service to their communities has successfully pulled together a variety of libraries and shared resources. More than ever, libraries need partnerships to ensure success in our responsibility to provide for the populations we serve.

Lending: The library’s ability to lend and share resources is critical to our community and is core to our value of cooperation. The Amigos Reciprocal Lending Agreement is a significant service allowing for a savings of over \$500,000 in shipping costs and thousands of items to be shared using the courier service. E-books are a concern. Multiple platforms, growing number of purchase options (own, lease, on-demand, etc.), institutional inability to share with other institutions, increase in publisher/vendor bundling of titles, and rapid change in company mergers, are all issues we can only resolve by working together. Amigos can offer a community platform to seek answers.

Purchasing power: Over 5 million dollars were saved by members this past year through Amigos’ consortia deals. In addition to our ability to share materials, we need to leverage our purchase power as much as possible. Amigos not only saves libraries cost in resources, but also in staff time to process and handle licenses and contracts. As E-books and electronic resources continue to grow it will be imperative to identify efficiencies in our processes and budgeting. The new eShelfSM Service will be an interesting development to watch.

Training: With over 150 courses listed in the Amigos training catalog, members have many opportunities to learn new trends and best practice. With rapid changes in resources, community expectations, and tools, libraries must have access to training that fits their needs and a network of professionals to exchange ideas and offer ongoing support. I am concerned with the increasing cost in training and conferences. We must think differently about the current models and identify affordable opportunities that help train our current and future library employees.

While libraries face many challenges, our cooperation and information sharing will assuredly propel us to a successful future.

Beth Farwell

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Signature

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