



between groups in the region, including but not limited to racial, gender, and socioeconomic equity.

This change would allow the Regional Resource Centers greater flexibility in recruiting Board members that are aligned with library and community initiatives such as an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).

The proposed bill reflects adaptive regional libraries whose trustees' valued skill sets directly contribute to mission accomplishment and to the libraries' prominence in their region. Community-based membership allows regional libraries to recruit board members who can advance the regional library agenda--e.g., community leaders, attorneys, financial experts, fundraisers, and advocates. This broadens and elevates the regional library as an entity mindful of larger community issues--e.g., economic development, health, transportation, and public safety--versus looking internally to county library issues.

MSLA fully supports the passage of this bill.