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**CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM: BRENT MAI**

Amigos Library Services Board of Directors – Independent/Librarian Member

CANDIDATE TITLE & INSTITUTION		
Title	Dean of Libraries	
Institution	Wichita State University	
City, State	Wichita, Kansas	
EDUCATION (MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
Ed.D.	Vanderbilt University	2014
MLIS	University of Texas at Austin	1990
MA	George Washington University	1987
BA	Bethany College (Kansas)	1985
POSITIONS		
Position	Institution	Dates
Dean of Libraries	Wichita State University	2023-
Dean of Libraries	University of North Florida	2019-2023
Dean of Libraries	Fairfield University	2016-2019
Dean of Libraries	Concordia University - Portland	2003-2016
Dir., Walker Business Library	Vanderbilt University	1999-2003
Head of Instruction, Business Lib.	Purdue University	1995-1999
Corporate Libraries before that		
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLA Fellow since 2016</li> <li>- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant for renovation and expansion of Special Collections (August 2018)</li> <li>- Cultural Development Grant for CVGS Digitization Project. Oregon Cultural Trust (August 2014)</li> <li>- Grant to Support and Build Emergent Archival Programs in the Northwest. The National historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration (July 2011)</li> </ul>		
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES		
<p>Special Libraries Association, President 2012; Board of Directors 2003-2006, 2011-2013</p> <p>America Library Association</p> <p>Association of College &amp; Research Libraries</p> <p>Academic Library Advancement &amp; Development Network (ALADN), Program Planning Committee 2023</p> <p>Florida Members Council on Library Services, Chair 2023</p> <p>Northeast Florida Information Network (NEFLIN), Board of Directors 2021-2023; Treasurer 2022-2023</p> <p>Council of Connecticut Academic Library Directors</p> <p>Orbis Cascade Alliance Directors' Council 2008-2016</p> <p>NW Association of Private Colleges &amp; Universities, Chair 2007-2008; Treasurer 2010-2016</p>		

## PUBLICATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

Several books and dozens of articles on Volga German culture and history including:

- "Wolgadeutsche Siedlungen in Nord- und Südamerika" in *Russland Deutsche Zeitgeschichte*, Band 17 (Nürnberg: Bayerisches Kulturzentrum der Deutschen aus Russland, 2020): 260-278.
- *German Migration to the Russian Volga (1764-1767): Origins and Destinations*. Lincoln, NE: American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 2003.
- *1798 Census of the German Colonies along the Volga: Economy, Population, and Agriculture*, 2 vols. Lincoln, NE: American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1999.

Dozens of librarianship-related publications including:

- "SLA – A Truly Global Organization." *Bulletin of the Japan Special Libraries Association* 254 (July 2012): 31-36.
- "E-Journal Management in the Small Academic Library" in *EJournal Management and Access* (New York: Routledge, 2009): 303-315.
- "Knowledge Management on the Web." *Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship* 8:3/4 (2003): 213-221.
- "Reality Check: Asynchronous Instruction Works!" *College & Research Libraries News* 61:7 (July/August 2000): 586-588.
- "Distance Education in Virtual Classrooms: The Model and the Assessment." *Proceedings of the 21<sup>st</sup> National online Meeting* (May 2000): 407-412.

## STATEMENT OF CONCERN

As the leader of successful libraries, I use continual assessment to design services and build resources that enhance teaching, learning, and research while improving usability and reducing barriers to access. I have substantive experience developing and refining strategic plans in the libraries which I have led. My overarching vision for academic libraries is tied to the model established by the Orbis Cascade Alliance, a model which I helped to develop, and which I've taken to heart personally and on behalf of my institution and those with whom I work: (1) maximize impact by doing things once, doing things the same, and doing things together; (2) invest in staff training, development, and expertise; and (3) leverage financial resources.

For me, the library as the true heart of an academic institution is far from a cliché or mere turn of phrase. An excellent, not just good, library is critical for the success of the entire institution. Student success is an underlying benchmark by which I measure my library's impact. The role of academic libraries under the broad umbrella of "scholarly communication" is an ever-growing and important one – also uniquely aligned with librarians' historical role as curators of knowledge, now with a twist that involves technology-enhanced storage, retrieval, and dissemination.

The resources available to accomplish all that we should for our various library constituencies are limited and continue to become more scarce. Working with other libraries and within consortial library organizations has been another hallmark of my leadership pathway in librarianship. I look forward putting this knowledge to work helping Amigos fulfil its mission of supporting libraries through the sharing of collections, services, and opportunities.

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