

AMIGOS LIBRARY SERVICES
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CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM: BRENT SCHONDELMAYER
 Amigos Library Services Board of Directors

CANDIDATE TITLE & INSTITUTION		
Title	None	
Institution	Independent Director	
City, State	Independence, Mo.	
EDUCATION (MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
• B.A. - Political Science	Grinnell College	1972-76
• MSc. - Public Administration.	London School of Economics	1980-81
POSITIONS (FIVE MOST RECENT POSITIONS OR INSTITUTIONS)		
Position	Institution	Dates
• Deputy Director	Local Investments Commission (non-profit)	1994-2022
• Editor	Budapest Business Journal	1992
• Reporter	Kansas City Business Journal	1987-91
• Reporter	Kansas City Star	1982-84
• Reporter	Associated Press	1982
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee, State Historical Society of Missouri • Mid Continent Public Library, Trustee and president (2003-2023) • Land Trust of Jackson County (Mo) • National Advisory Board Member, AttendanceWorks (non-profit focused on chronic absenteeism) • Consulting Producer, Confronting the Curve (documentary film on climate change, in production) • Manager, Dana Mengel (composer/violinist) 		
PUBLICATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS		

- Click: Two Decades | One Community (2023) - Inaugural photo exhibit at Englewood Arts (Independence, Mo)
- Foreword - The First Beverly Hillbilly: The Untold Story of the Creator of Rural TV Comedy by Ruth Henning (2017) Woodneath Press, imprint of Mid Continent Public Library
- Persistence Pays Off, Principal Leadership (2011) publication of the National Association of Secondary School Principals
- Foreword - The German Migration to Missouri: My Family's Story by Paul C. Nagel (2002), Kansas City Star Books
- Contributor: Dictionary of American History Supplement
- Contributor: Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives
- Building a First Class Bank. (1986) a corporate history of UMB Bank
- Independence (1985)

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

Amigos provides a collaborative enterprise that can function at a scale, making a difference for libraries of all sizes and affiliations.

Amigos can help libraries navigate the complicated ever-changing publishing world (print and online) and also provide innovative services to member libraries and opportunities for professional development.

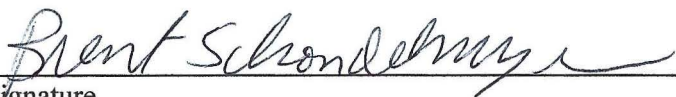
Libraries are under pressure on many fronts - funding, new publishing models and (dare I say) growing organized efforts directed at censorship.

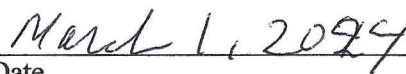
And it can be exhausting.

Amigos needs to be a reliable, accountable, accessible organization that provides support, training and resources to help its members endure and adapt to these challenging times.

Libraries need to be innovative and adapt, but not at the expense of their core values as expressed in the Freedom to Read and Library Bill of Rights.

My background includes extensive library board service (20 years), senior management in a large \$50 million non-profit (a community-based organizations that worked with schools and communities), background as a business journalist and significant board services on other non-profits.


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Date

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