



**M.A.I.N., INC. MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a number of libraries (hereinafter called the “Members”) have together formed “M.A.I.N., Inc.” for the purposes of supplementing and enhancing a computerized integrated library information system (the “ILS System”) for such libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Members have created a nonprofit corporation of libraries called the Morris Automated Information Network, Inc. (M.A.I.N., Inc.) with full power and authority to do all things necessary as agent to the Members, and to perform all obligations and to exercise all the rights of M.A.I.N., Inc. ; and

**WHEREAS**, sharing services is a cost-effective method of increasing availability of materials to our residents; and

**Whereas**, Members are willing to share with other Members all or parts of their individual collections for reciprocal borrowing and demand management; and

**WHEREAS**, Members agree to release and hold harmless M.A.I.N., Inc. and its employees from any liability resulting from acts of any third parties or other Members; and

**WHEREAS**, Members agree to abide by the By-Laws, policies and procedures of M.A.I.N., Inc. ;

**WHEREAS**, active participation is a vital component of membership, and library directors are advised to attend at least one each of Membership, Board of Directors, and Directors meetings annually;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Library Board of Trustees of:

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Library Name

Certifies that it meets the qualifications of membership set forth in the By-Laws of M.A.I.N., Inc.. This Agreement is effective January 1, 2020, and will remain in effect for one year from this date.

**In Witness Whereof**, M.A.I.N., Inc. and the Member have, through appropriate officials thereof, executed and sealed this Agreement on the dates set forth opposite their signatures.

ATTEST:

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President, M.A.I.N., Inc.

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Secretary, M.A.I.N., Inc.

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Date

ATTEST:

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President, Library Board of Trustees  
(or appropriate governing body)

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Secretary, Library Board of Trustees  
(or appropriate governing body)

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Date



November 15, 2019

Dear Library Board of Trustees,

On behalf of the MAIN Board and Membership, I would like to thank you for your support. The payment of your library's annual assessment has allowed the organization to make great strides in growth over the last few years, and I am pleased to tell you that MAIN is stronger than it has ever been. There is much to be proud of from our working together.

The consortium offers unparalleled value through cost effective library administration to its member libraries that span Morris, Somerset and Warren counties. Members receive support from both the Executive Director, as well as a talented team of staff at the MAIN office. Training opportunities are provided to help member libraries and their trustees, whether it be in learning how best to use LEAP, or by offering the annual library law forum for trustees. As we look toward the future, we continue to seek cost savings for member libraries, but to also increase funding through strategic development and opportunities for expansion of the organization.

Library directors and their staff are strongly encouraged to participate in helping the organization to achieve its annual goals and objectives. Whether it is committing to serve as a board member, providing committee leadership, or actively participating in meetings; the dedication of its members are what drives its success. The yearly accomplishments of all of the inner groups working together provide the foundation not only for the following year, but for the future of MAIN.

MAIN's vision is clear: it aspires to encourage, lead and support member libraries and the communities they serve to readily access a diverse and innovative selection of enriching, entertaining and informative resources. In accessing a collection of over 2.4 million items across 38 member libraries, MAIN patrons have collectively saved over \$27 million from January through October of this year alone. These numbers are a testament to our libraries working hard together in a service area spanning over half a million residents.

Again, thank you for your enduring support of the Morris Automated Information Network. Without it, we would not have been able to achieve what has already been accomplished, and for what we are strategically planning for the future of the organization. We appreciate the trust you place in us to help provide libraries with the very best that MAIN has to offer.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lyn Begraft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lyn Begraft  
2019 MAIN Board President