

MILWAUKEE POET LAUREATE, NOMINATION COMMITTEE AGREEMENT FORM

As a member of the Nomination Committee for the Milwaukee Poet Laureate, I have a responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit recruiting and nominating a Poet Laureate for the 2022-23 Term. I support the purpose and mission of the Milwaukee Poet Laureate Project and pledge my commitment to assist in carrying out its work.

As a Committee Member, I will consistently act responsibly and prudently. I understand my duties and expectations to include:

- 1. Establish a meeting schedule and timeline for the successful completion of nomination process.
- 2. Assist in the creation of the Poet Laureate Application including job description, requirements, and stipend amount.
- 3. Assist in identifying recruitment avenues through my own network along with MPL and fellow committee member networks.
- 4. Help establish screening criteria including creation of evaluation worksheet to assess knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience of each applicant.
- 5. Screen and review every applicant.
- 6. Work collaboratively with fellow committee members to nominate a Poet Laureate based on screening criteria.
- 7. Participate in planning of Induction Ceremony.
- 8. Attend and actively participate in no less than 80% of committee meetings, whether virtual or in-person (meetings will be held virtually in response to the COVID-19 pandemic until the Health Department approves in-person services).
- 9. Accept and complete assignments or work related to the mission of the committee as requested by the committee chair.
- 10. Review committee documents, reports, and manuscripts in a timely manner.
- 11. Provide input and suggestions for committee actions on a regular basis.
- 12. Disclose any conflicts of interest to nominated poets.
- 13. Participate in planning of Induction Ceremony.
- 14. Maintain strict confidentiality throughout the entire search and selection process. I understand any information disclosed to outside parties regarding the applicants and/or the process will be grounds for termination from the committee.

The Milwaukee Public Library agrees to:

1. Send regular updates to all Committee Members regarding updates and status of the selection and nomination process.

- 2. Respond in a timely manner to any questions necessary to carry out the work and responsibilities of the Nomination Committee.
- 3. Provide adequate and ample meeting space for all Nomination Committee meetings.

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Nomination Committee Chair	Date	Committee Member	Date
Library Director	Date		