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Additional Information:

None

Ex Libris Products that your site licenses:

- Alma
- Primo
- Leganto

A statement outlining your interest in and qualifications for service on the Steering Committee.

I'm a librarian with a master's degree in Library and Information Science. I have worked the past 12 years in Unit (formerly BIBSYS) in Norway. Unit delivers systems and solutions to the higher education and research libraries in Norway and are organized as a consortium (about 80 institutions). During the last 10 years we have gone from a homegrown system to Ex Libris products and we have implemented and delivered Primo, Alma and Leganto to the consortium. My current position is product owner for the patron facing services Primo and Leganto.

Being a product owner and basically in charge of the services delivered to the Libraries and their users, I also establish and take part in the working groups in cooperation with the governing bodies of the different consortia. This has given me a really good grasp of the different use cases and opportunities for an optimal use of the different Ex Libris services we provide to the different consortia and their users.

My specific interests are metadata/linked data, interoperability/integrations and APIs and how to use this to create better services for the end users.

My main focus areas if I'm selected for the Steering Committee would be to work to ensure that the solutions suits the needs for large institutions, but at the same time also works for smaller/ specialized institutions; Primo vs Primo VE; and the balance between making sure the core functionality of the systems works well and new functionality.

I am fluent in the English language, both written and spoken, and has frequently given presentations to audiences of all sizes.