

## **Wei Xuan – Statement of Interest**

I would like to nominate myself for service on the IGeLU Steering Committee because I believe my professional experience makes me ready to contribute more to the IGeLU community.

I am an Associate University Librarian (AUL) at the University of Manitoba. I develop strategic priorities and lead a team of librarians and support staff to support open scholarship and library systems. The Ex Libris products that are used at our library include Alma, Primo VE and Leganto. I have direct experience in administering, developing, and supporting Alma, Primo VE, Leganto, Primo Back Office, Primo New UI, and Primo Classic UI. I have designed and improved workflow for various teams at the library. In addition, I have been deeply involved in numerous projects focused on systems interoperability, data protection, and accessibility.

I have been actively engaged in the Ex Libris user community. I was an IGeLU Steering Committee member from 2019 to 2021, liaising with the Analytics Community of Practice and Ex Libris senior leadership on customer experience. I co-chaired the ELUNA/IGeLU enhancement voting task force, developing a strategy to collect user needs and review voting systems, organizing the task force meetings, and writing the Phase 1 report. I developed relationships with under-represented groups in the Ex Libris user community and was invited as a panellist to the 2020 CCEU Annual Conference (online). Prior to this service, I was a member of the IGeLU Primo Working Group. I did four presentations at the ELUNA and IGeLU conferences.

Why do I want to return to IGeLU? I constantly absorb knowledge from the Ex Libris user community through listservs, knowledge articles, etc. Serving on the IGeLU Steering Committee is a way to give back to the community. I believe only a diverse steering committee will represent the best interest of every member of the user community. In addition, my term of service on the IGeLU Steering Committee was greatly affected by the pandemic. I started some initiatives to engage under-represented groups but had to shift priorities due to the pandemic. I hope to resume the work to advocate the priorities and interests of our diverse user base.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my candidacy.

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