

Wei Xuan – Statement of Interest for the IGeLU Steering Committee

I am writing to nominate myself for service on the IGeLU Steering Committee. My professional experience equips me to contribute significantly to the IGeLU community.

As an Associate University Librarian (AUL) at the University of Manitoba, I develop strategic priorities and lead a team of librarians and support staff focused on open scholarship and library systems. Our library utilizes several Ex Libris products, including Alma, Primo VE, and Leganto. I have extensive experience in administering, developing, and supporting these platforms, as well as Primo Back Office, Primo New UI, and Primo Classic UI. I have designed and improved workflows for various teams and have been deeply involved in projects centered on systems interoperability, data protection, and accessibility.

I have been actively engaged in the Ex Libris user community. I have served on the IGeLU Steering Committee for two terms (2019-2021 and 2022-2024). Currently, I liaise with the Analytics Community of Practice, the Linked Data Community of Practice, and the Accessibility Community of Practice, and participate in other IGeLU Steering Committee tasks. I have developed relationships with under-represented groups within the Ex Libris user community and was invited as a panellist at the 2020 CCEU Annual Conference (online). Before joining the IGeLU Steering Committee, I was a member of the Primo Working Group and have presented at ELUNA and IGeLU conferences on four occasions.

Motivation

My motivation to serve on the IGeLU Steering Committee stems from a profound appreciation for the collaborative and innovative spirit of the Ex Libris user community. Over the years, I have continually absorbed knowledge and insights from this community through listservs, knowledge articles, and direct interactions. These experiences have significantly shaped my professional development and deepened my understanding of library systems and user needs.

Serving on the IGeLU Steering Committee is an opportunity to give back to the community that has supported me. I am driven by a commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued. I believe that a diverse steering committee is essential for representing the best interests of every member of our user community.

My work with different IGeLU communities of practice has provided me with a comprehensive perspective on the challenges our user community faces. I am passionate about working with Ex Libris management to find solutions that address these challenges effectively. As a liaison with the Accessibility Community of Practice, I am particularly dedicated to advocating for the needs of a diverse user base, ensuring that our systems are accessible and inclusive for all users.

I am confident in my ability to advocate for our community and to contribute to the continued growth and success of IGeLU. I am eager to leverage my experience and dedication to serve the community in the coming term (2024-2026).

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

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