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**The Wisconsin Library Association Announces New Board of Director Chairman – Scott Vrieze**

Madison, Wis. (March 14, 2019) – The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) is proud to announce Scott Vrieze’s appointment as Chair of the organization’s Board of Directors.

Scott currently works at the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus in Menomonie, Wisconsin as University Library Director. His library career includes service in several types of libraries, including a large urban public library, a mid-sized municipal library, a technical college library, and now as Director at UW-Stout. He also serves on the Wisconsin Library Services (WiLS) board as an at-large representative.

Scott is particularly invested in the opportunities for creative collaboration both between libraries and in cooperation with non-library groups and entities. His service in consortia and collaboration projects includes Chair of the WISPALS technical college library consortium, Chair of the MORE public library system’s Director’s Council, and service on the WiLS board, which includes representation from all types of libraries in Wisconsin. His current projects at Stout include co-locating of a range of services in the library building, including Disability Services, Learning Technology Services, Instructional Design, Textbooks and Library Services.

“Libraries of various types in Wisconsin have a reputation for being leaders in collaboration and efficiency, and for sharing expertise and resources,” said Scott. “The whole concept of library implies maximizing our shared resources to better deliver services to the audiences we serve. Among the various library networks that work together in the state, the Wisconsin Library Association is one of the best vehicles for facilitating that collaboration.”

*WLA represents over 1500 members employed by public, academic and special libraries. WLA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the growth and stability of libraries throughout the state. WLA engages, inspires and advocates for library workers and supporters to improve and promote library services for the people of Wisconsin. For more information, go to <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org>*

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