

286—8.4(256) Governance.

8.4(1) *Regional boards of library trustees.* The system consists of seven regional boards of library trustees whose election and representation are prescribed in Iowa Code sections 256.61 and 256.62. Each board of library trustees sets its own meeting schedule and operating procedures.

8.4(2) *Minutes.* Minutes of meetings of regional boards of library trustees are available for inspection at the administrator's office of each respective regional library during regular business hours.

8.4(3) *Iowa regional library system trustees council.* Membership of the council is comprised of all the boards of library trustees of the seven regional libraries. The council's purpose is to further the programs of the regional library system and to serve as a clearinghouse, coordinating cooperative actions and programs initiated by the individual regions or by the council itself.

8.4(4) *Iowa regional library system trustees executive board.* Comprised of 2 trustees from each of the regional boards of library trustees of the seven regional libraries, the 14-member executive board is responsible for approving the system's budget request, long-range plan, and annual joint plan of service, and pursuing opportunities to enhance system services.

8.4(5) *Federated system.* The Iowa regional library system is a federated system, meaning that all public libraries within each region's jurisdiction are independent libraries with their own administrative boards of trustees.