

Bridge-Year Shared Print Partnership (SSP) Executive Committee

June 2024

Background and Context

For the last three years, the Partnership for Shared Book Collections and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance have actively explored merging the two organizations into a single entity. At the May 9, 2024 meeting of the joint Executives for Rosemont and the Partnership, the governing bodies of both organizations approved a [merger plan](#) that will make the merger of the two organizations an operational reality in FY25 (July 2024-June 2025).

As part of this merger plan, the joint Executive committees are establishing a bridge-year Executive Committee for the merged organization – the Shared Print Partnership (SPP) – to govern and lead the merged entity in its first year as a new organization.

Purpose

The bridge-year Executive Committee is a time-limited group charged with leading the Shared Print Partnership (SPP) as it takes shape in its first year. The bridge-year Executive Committee will provide strategic guidance and assume responsibility for overall policy, financial, staffing, and hosting decisions of the Shared Print Partnership (SPP) which will include administering membership-wide voting for decisions that significantly impact member programs and their participating libraries.

Membership

The bridge-year Executive Committee consists of at least and up to seven members, representing leaders and domain experts drawn from across the Rosemont and Partnership communities. The Executive Committee members are drawn from community members who have served in previous Rosemont/Partnership leadership capacities and/or are familiar both with SPP's aspirations as well as SPP's current operational reality, and are committed to rapid development and effective implementation of the merged organization. Executive Committee members will be identified through an open call/nomination process, with final appointments determined by the joint-administrative group of the Rosemont/Partnership (comprised of the leads of the current Executive and Operations Committees of both organizations).

Relationship to Other Partnership/Rosemont Groups

The bridge-year Executive Committee replaces the executive committees of the former Rosemont and Partnership organizations, and serves as the senior-most governance body for the SPP. Standing and ad hoc committees, task forces, and other bodies in Rosemont/Partnership report up to and are accountable to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee can modify, sunset, and charge groups, as necessary, to advance the SPP work.

Timeline

The bridge-year Executive Committee will begin its work in July 2024 and run through Fiscal Year 2025 – or June 30, 2025. The bridge-year committee will replace itself with a continuing governance body for

fiscal year 2026, assuming the SPP continues as a going concern. It is anticipated there will be monthly meetings during the bridge year, and EC members should plan to spend some time outside of meetings working to advance the group's work.