

## Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - a. The meeting was called to order by Nanette Donohue at 10: 02 a.m.

### Attendance

- Voting Members
  - Present: Nanette Donohue, Gail Graziani, Qiana Johnson, Laura Kirk, Amanda McKay
  - Absent: Sam Adams-Lanham, Joanna Bertucci, Victoria Blackmer, Dennis Danowski, Chris Houchens, Sara Murray
- Ex-Officio Members:
  - Present: Cyndi Robinson, Heather Jagman, Ryan Johnson, Alex Todd
  - Absent: Greg McCormick, Ryan Livergood
- Guests: Amy Byers, Chatham Area Public Library
- Also Present: Derek Blaida, ILA Legislative Consultant

2. Approval of Agenda: June 5, 2023
  - a. Approved by unanimous consent

3. Approval of Minutes: [May 1, 2023](#)
  - a. Approved by unanimous consent

### 4. Updates

- a. ILA Public Policy Committee (Cyndi Robinson)  
The Robert R. McClarren Legislative Development Award will be discussed today as final committee business for the year
- b. ILA Executive Board (Heather Jagman, ILA President)  
The board met on May 25<sup>th</sup> and three main items were discussed: 1) ILA will use a bequest from Peggy Sullivan's estate to support ILA's DEI initiatives, 2) the board is considering updating some of the nominating committee's procedures to reduce potential conflicts of interest, and 3) Julie Milavec will be the next treasurer. The board welcomed new board members, including Amy Byers who is attending the meeting today.

ILA Executive Director, Cyndi Robinson

ILA is moving from 33 W. Grand, where they have been located since 1988, to 560 W. Washington to a smaller space closer to public transportation. The move should be completed by June 3th.

- c. Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick, ISL Director)  
No report.
- d. Legislative Update (Derek Blaida)  
This was a good year in Springfield, mainly due to the new Secretary of State's focus on libraries, including appropriating 5.5 million for electronic resources. This is not a continuing appropriation, so it will need to be approved by the

legislature yearly. Other bills that passed and that will go to the governor for signature include: HB 2789 which creates rules and policy regarding the banning of books and other resources, HB 2243 which requires ISBE to complete a comprehensive literacy plan and reading instruction program, and HB 2419, the License to Read Act, allowing the Secretary's office to negotiate with eBook publishers.

5. Upcoming Programs

- a. AISLE Conference, Champaign, IL (October 1, 2023)  
Ready, Set, Advocate for school librarians – Nanette and Cyndi will present
- b. ILA Annual Conference.  
We will have two programs, including the Legislative Panel (Nanette put in the proposal and Amanda will facilitate), and Ready, Set, Advocate, Frontline Edition – three committee members are interested in presenting.
- c. We are waiting to hear from PLA on our proposal for PLA 2024.

6. New Business

- a. For the new program year after July, PPC will meet at 10:00 a.m. and Advocacy will meet at 1:00 p.m.
- b. This is Nanette's last meeting as co-chair, although she will remain on the committee. Amanda McKay will join Gail as the new co-chair.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. by Nanette Donohue.

**Committee Charge**

- Supports the targeted advocacy efforts set forth by the American Library Association and the Illinois Library Association
- Strives to unite ILA members behind advocacy efforts set forth by the ILA Executive Board;
- Works in tandem with the Public Policy Committee (PPC) to implement an annual legislative agenda;
- Provides ILA members with the tools to make local, statewide, and national advocacy an integral part of their professional life;
- Develops a long-range advocacy plan in conjunction with PPC and the Executive Board; and
- Within this broad framework collaborates with the ILA President and ILA Executive Director to set an annual calendar of advocacy activities and to create communications, materials, and training in support of these activities.

**Voting Members:**

Nanette Donohue\* - Champaign Public Library  
Gail Graziani\* - Indian Prairie Library District  
Sam Adams-Lanham - Barrington Area Library  
Joanna Bertucci - Park Ridge Public Library  
Victoria Blackmer - Robert R. Jones Public Library  
Dennis Danowski - Macomb Public Library

Chris Houchens - Charleston Carnegie Public Library  
Qiana Johnson - Dartmouth University  
Laura Kirk - Green Hills Public Library District  
Amanda McKay - Effingham Public Library  
Sara Murray - Algonquin Area Public Library District

**Ex officio Members:**

Ryan Livergood - ILA PPC Chair, Warren-Newport Public Library District  
Cyndi Robinson - ILA  
Heather Jagman - ILA President, DePaul University Library  
Ryan Johnson - ILA VP/President-Elect, O'Fallon Public Library  
Greg McCormick - Illinois State Library  
Alex Todd - ILA Board Liaison

**Guests:**

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**Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers:**

August 29, 2022 - Chris Houchens  
October 3, 2022 - Qiana Johnson  
November 7, 2022 - Amanda McKay  
December 5, 2022 - Sam Adams-Lanham  
January 9, 2023 - Victoria Blackmer  
February 6, 2023 - Laura Kirk  
March 6, 2023 - Sara Murray  
April 3, 2023 - Dennis Danowski  
May 1, 2023 - Joanna Bertucci  
June 5, 2023 - Gail Graziani

All meetings are at 10 AM. In-person meeting locations will rotate; all meetings will also be accessible through Zoom. If you cannot take minutes on your assigned date, please trade with another Advocacy Committee voting member.