

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee
Monday, February, 2021 Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order 1:02
2. Cynthia Robinson, ILA, Mary Witt RAILS
3. Agenda for Feb 1 approved by unanimous consent
4. Minutes from Jan 11 approved by unanimous consent
5. Reports
 - a. Diane items will be discussed in later agenda points
 - b. Veronica
 - c. Derek, there are few bills filed yet. Expects to have more in March. Gives assessment of new Speaker, Chris Welch.
 - d. PPC, Dan not present. Magan gives summary of PPC meeting including work of Broadband Advisory Council and its report. Diane shared two federal legislative updates, both are funding related including a \$5 billion spending for libraries in underserved areas. There was discussion regarding the identifier of “essential” as it relates to library staff and vaccinations.
6. Around the table & across the state – no updates
7. Meet ups have started and are pending. South suburban, went well both for attendance and operation. 73 attendees and 14 legislators. “Libraries were a lifeline for the working class.” Legislators were thanked on social media for their participation. Moderated Q&A to filter duplicate topics. Legislators can confirm to tina@ila.org to attend.
8. ILA conference submittals. Deadline for submission is March 31.
9. EDI and per capita grants. Discussed issues around special questions and expanding awareness of issues related to those with disabilities. Diane brought up that the ILA Exec Cmte has a DIA subcommittee works with the Diversity Committee.

At March meeting we will be discussing legislative meet ups as they will have all completed by then.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm

Voting Members Present:

Betsy Adamowski X Wheaton Public Library	Nanette Donohue Champaign Public Library	Keith Fiels X Retired/ALA
Matthew Fruth X Oak Park Public Library Board	Gail Graziani X Lisle Library District	Quiana Johnson X Northwestern University
Amanda McKay Effingham Public Library	Val Neylon City Colleges of Chicago	Magan Szwerek* X Schaumburg Twp District Library
Alex Todd* X Prospect Heights Public Library	Jeffrey Wheeler X U of I Chicago	Amanda Zagloba X Chicago Public Library
Ex-Officio Members Present: Veronica DeFazio X ILA President	Diane Foote X ILA	Jeanne Hamilton X ILA VP/President Elect
Marielle McNeal ILA Board Liason	Daniel Matthews ILA PPC Chair	Greg McCormick X Illinois State Library
Derek Blaida X ILA Legislative Consultant		