

ILA Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (April 4, 2022 Meeting)

Chair Sam Adams-Lanham called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

Notetaker Kyla Waltermire conducted the Roll Call

Voting Members Present: Sam Adams-Lanham, Barrington Area Library; Brian Chase, Normal Public Library; Monica Dombrowski, Winnetka Northfield Public Library District; Melissa Gardner, Palatine Public Library District; Ryan Livergood, Warren-Newport Public Library District; Rebecca Malinowski, Cooperative Computer Services; Daniel Matthews, Moraine Valley Community College Library; Dee Anna Phares, Northern Illinois University Libraries; Donna Schaal, Argenta-Oreana Public Library District; Kyla Waltermire, Mississippi Valley District Library; Catherine Yanikoski, Engineering Systems, Inc.

Members Absent: Nikeda Webb, Matteson Public Library.

Ex Officio Members Present: Derek Blaida, ILA Legislative Consultant; Deirdre Brennan, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Elizabeth Clarage, Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI); Veronica De Fazio, Plainfield Public Library District, ILA Past President; Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, Advocacy Committee; Diane Foote, ILA Executive Director; Jeanne Hamilton, Bloomington Public Library, ILA President; Heather Jagman, DePaul University, ILA President-Elect; Lou Ann Jacobs, Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE); Greg McCormick, Illinois State Library; Ellen Popit, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS); Magan Szwerek, Schaumburg Township District Library, Advocacy Committee.

Ex Officio Members Absent: Betsy Mahoney, Intellectual Freedom Committee; Patrick Molloy, Chicago Public Library.

Guests: Dennis Danowski, Macomb Public Library; Monica Harris, RAILS; Leila Heath, RAILS; Tina Hubert, Six Mile Regional Library District; Cyndi Robinson, ILA; Aaron Skog, SWAN; Mary Witt, RAILS.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Report from Advocacy Committee (Nanette Donohue)

- Working on Reaching Forward and ILA Annual Conference presentations

Report from ILA Executive Board (Jeanne Hamilton)

- April 4 is the deadline for ILA conference proposals
- Illinois Library Luminaries - Pat Boze has been approved as a Luminary. Diane Foote has been nominated.
- Committees for the ILA Executive Director search and for working on the next version of Serving Our Public are formed

Federal Update (Diane Foote)

- Diane provided a recap of outreach to legislators, including an upcoming advocacy to push for more federal library funding
- Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Civil Rights & Civil Liberties - meeting on April 7 for "Free Speech Under Attack: Book Bans and Academic Censorship"

State Update (Derek Blaida, Diane Foote & others)

- Broadband update - Everything is fluid.
- E-book legislation - Maryland case struck down; judge thinks it should be a federal and not state-by-state issue. Other states pursuing similar laws, including Illinois, now have efforts on pause.
- [HB5283](#) Trustee Vacancies [Amendment](#) - The State Library is discussing the amendment.
- [HB3254](#) Diversity in Literature - No movement at this time. ILA has a few things lined up, should they be needed: a letter outlining concerns about the bill's wording and a recommended amendment.
- A question was raised about the new Statement of Economic Interest form for elected officials. Have reason to believe the form will be revised based on statewide feedback about the confusion it is causing.
- It was pointed out that [SB3497](#) (expansion of Cards for Kids Act) passed both houses. It now goes to the Governor and, upon signing, will be turned over to the State Library for rulemaking.

New Business

- [Google for Nonprofits](#): Library Eligibility - It was suggested that libraries try applying under Google for Education, or that they partner with a Friends of the Library or Library Foundation group for the 501(c)(3) designation. The State Library is also willing to help libraries work through the eligibility verification process and might have documentation available to support libraries as 501(c)(3) organizations under certain circumstances.
- A reminder that the PPC bestows the [Robert R. McClarren Legislative Development Award](#). Nominations currently being accepted.
- PPC/Legislative Timeline - Derek suggested that the ILA move its timeline up even more than it did this year. Now is the time to be thinking about and suggesting legislative proposals for 2022-2023. There was some discussion about the Open Meetings Act, both allowing library trustees to obtain training from sources other than the Attorney General's PAC and the possibility of permanently expanding the Act to allow for hybrid/virtual meetings.

Chair Sam Adams-Lanham adjourned the meeting at 1:57 PM.

Next meeting – May 2, 2022 (Nikeda Webb, notetaker)

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