

**Illinois Library Association
Public Policy Committee**

**January 9, 2023 Meeting
Minutes taken by Donna Schaal**

Roll Call:

Voting Members Present:

Ryan Livergood – Warren-Newport Public Library District (CHAIR)
Melissa Gardner – Palatine Public Library District
John Kokoris – Gail Borden Public Library District
Laura Long – East Moline Public Library
Rebecca Malinowski – Cooperative Computer Services
Jamie Paicely, Flossmoor Public Library
Donna Schaal – Argenta-Oreana Public Library District
Kyla Waltermire – Mississippi Valley District Library
Nikeda Webb – Matteson Public Library
Catherine Yanikoski – Engineering Systems, Inc.

Ex officio Members Present:

Derek Blaida – ILA Legislative Consultant
Monica Harris – Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)
Anne Craig – Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)
Jeanne Hamilton – Bloomington Public Library, ILA Past President
Nanette Donohue – Champaign Public Library
Cyndi Robinson – ILA Executive Director
Heather Jagman – DePaul University, ILA President
Ryan Johnson, O’Fallon Public Library, ILA Vice President/President-Elect
Lou Ann Jacobs – Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE)
Greg McCormick – Illinois State Library
Gail Graziani – Lisle Public Library District, Advocacy Committee.

Ex officio Members Absent:

Matthew Matkowski – Palos Heights Public Library, Intellectual Freedom Committee
Patrick Molloy – Chicago Public Library
Ellen Popit – Illinois Heartland Library System (ILHS)

Guests

Leila Heath (RAILS); Mary Witt (RAILS); Joe Filapek (RAILS); Tina Hubert (Six Mile Regional Library District); Tom Stagg (Alpha Park Public Library); Anna Yackle (IHLS)

- Reviewed agenda and no changes were made.
- Approved the 2022-12 minutes. No changes reported.

- Cyndi reported that ILA will be handling the legislative meet-ups a little differently this year. There will be a virtual event which will prepare library advocates to meet with their legislators. The presentation will include highlights from the Ready, Set, Advocate program. There will be a statewide, virtual event which will focus on bringing together newly elected legislators and library advocates rather than being geographically centered. Library trustees, directors, and staff from public, school, and academic libraries are encouraged to attend and participate. The event will be similar to the 2021 and 2022 meetups and there will still be opportunities for Q&A.
- Advocacy Update – Gail reported that the Illinois Youth Services Institute, Reaching Forward and Reaching Forward South have been scheduled for 2023.
- Heather reported that the ILA Executive Board had not yet met.
- Federal Update – There will be a ‘fly in’ advocacy day in March. Veronda Pitchford and Lynn Stainbrook, Rockford Public Library, will be in attendance.
- State Update – Derek reported that there are brief committee meetings happening. The new term begins on Wednesday, January 11.
- Secretary of State Transition Team will be working with the new Secretary of State, Alexi Giannoulias. The initial meeting went well.
- The next meeting for the City Libraries will be this coming Friday.
- AISLE will meet later in the month.
- There was no new business.
- A question was asked concerning the funding of construction projects. Greg McCormick stated that this is based on the availability of capital funding. ISL will be seeking funds to continue funding the construction grants. He recommended that libraries continue to complete the grant process so that the State understands the importance of this funding.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 PM.

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers

February 6, 2023	Kyla Waltermire
March 6, 2023	Nikeda Webb
April 3, 2023	Catherine Yanikoski
May 1, 2023	Member to be appointed
June 5, 2023	Member to be appointed

All meetings are at 1 PM. 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 PPC voting member.