

## ILA Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (February 6, 2023 Meeting)

**Chair Ryan Livergood called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM**

**Notetaker Kyla Waltermire conducted the Roll Call.**

Voting Members Present: Ryan Livergood, Warren-Newport Public Library District; 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.

Members Absent: None.

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, Advocacy Committee; Cyndi Robinson, ILA Executive Director; Heather Jagman, DePaul University, ILA President; Ryan Johnson, O'Fallon Public Library, ILA Vice President/President-Elect; Greg McCormick, Illinois State Library; Ellen Popit, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS); Gail Graziani, Indian Prairie Public Library, Advocacy Committee.

Ex Officio Members Absent: Matthew Matkowski, Palos Heights Public Library, Intellectual Freedom Committee; Lou Ann Jacobs, Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE); Patrick Molloy, Chicago Public Library.

Guests: Leila Heath, RAILS; Tina Hubert, Six Mile Regional Library District; Tom Stagg, Alpha Park Public Library; Mary Witt, RAILS.

### **Review Agenda for Changes and Additions**

None.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting were approved.

### **Report from Advocacy Committee**

- The "Ready, Set, Advocate" events being held in lieu of the legislative meetups are scheduled for February 22 and 27.

### **Report from ILA Executive Board (Heather Jagman)**

- The board development held at the January 12th meeting focused on EDI efforts within ILA.

### **Federal Update (Cyndi Robinson)**

- A reminder that the ALA fly-in date is scheduled for March 9. Veronda Pitchford & Lynn Stainbrook are representing Illinois.

### **State Update (Derek Blaida)**

- Derek presented the [first list of bills](#) from the new legislative session that might impact libraries. Specifically, Derek highlighted:
  - HB 1011: Establishes a list of required reading related to racism for K-12 public schools.

- HB 1238 and SB 74: Allows for delinquent property taxes to be paid in monthly installments.
- HB 1408 and SB 103: Allows the continuation of audio or video conference meetings if a public body's chief official determines that meeting in-person would pose a risk to members of the public body or members of the public.
- HB 1481: Provides that literature in public schools includes diverse authors; school boards must approve materials.
- HB 2068: Provides that covered employers must (effectively) subsidize public transportation costs for employees.
- Other bills discussed by the group include SB 60's (human trafficking recognition and expending of funds at lodgings) impact on in-state travel accommodations; HB 1271, 1354, 1427 and other property tax-related bills; HB 1072 (requires posting of curriculum and learning materials, including library materials, on school websites); and HB 1381 (customer data collection and storage disclosure).

### **Old Business**

- The [Secretary of State's Library Enhancements Committee Findings](#) were shared by email with the committee; no discussion.
- City library update - Laura Long shared that RAILS was going to answer questions from the group about tax caps, home rule, personal property replacement tax, and other similar matters.
- AISLE update - Lou Ann sent an email update prior to the meeting. The AISLE board has a favorable response to the Secretary of State's Library Enhancements Committee Findings. AISLE is monitoring HB 1072.

### **New Business**

- Decennial Committees on Local Government - Monica Harris shared that Ancel Glink is working on a report template and the draft should be available by the end of the month.

### **Final Comments and Adjournment**

- Monica Harris shared that RAILS has been fielding questions about the new law re: paid leave for all employees. The law goes into effect in 2024. Ancel Glink is also working on more information about this.

**Chair Ryan Livergood adjourned the meeting at 2:12 PM.**

Next meeting – March 6, 2023 (Nikeda Webb, notetaker)