

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee

Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:00 AM

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Meeting ID: 824 1470 5162

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Gail Graziani.
 - Voting members in attendance were: Nanette Donohue, Gail Graziani, Dennis Danowski, Chris Houchens, Amanda McKay (joined at 10:05am), and Sara Murray
 - Ex-officio members in attendance were: Ryan Livergood, Cyndi Robinson, Heather Jagman, Ryan Johnson, and Alex Todd
 - Members absent – Voting: Sam Adams-Lanham, Joanna Bertucci, Victoria Blackmer, Qiana Johnson, and Laura Kirk; Ex-officio: Greg McCormick
 - Guests: Derek Blaida, Thomas Stagg (trustee at Alpha Park PL, arrived at 10:05am)
2. Approval of Agenda: March 6, 2023
 - The agenda was approved by unanimous consent [numbering of agenda items was corrected during recording of minutes]
3. Approval of Minutes: [January 9, 2023](#) and [February 6, 2023](#)
 - The minutes of the January 9, 2023 and February 6, 2023 meetings were approved by unanimous consent.
4. Updates
 - a. ILA Public Policy Committee (Ryan Livergood, PPC Chair)
 - PPC is looking at the latest bill list.
 - b. ILA Executive Board (Heather Jagman, ILA President)
 - An executive board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023.
 - c. Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick, ISL Director)
 - No report as Greg was absent.
 - d. Legislative Update (Derek Blaida)
 - Gail is a great meeting leader!
 - There is a large stack of bills (2300 this week!), so perhaps hold off on reviewing the bill list right now. Some of the bills are related to OMA, FOIA, labor issues, and virtual attendance at meetings for elected officials who do not have childcare during meeting times. Many of these bills are likely to collapse for various reasons, so the list will likely be more manageable next week.
5. “Get Ready to Advocate” and “Library 101 for Legislators” recap (Cyndi, Heather, Nanette, Sara)
 - The presentation went well and there was good attendance! Some people might like some follow up information or coaching for how to reach out to legislators.
 - There was some discussion about using this format going forward.
 - Some libraries are struggling to get legislators together for an event that mirrors the Presidents Day event without ILA support.
 - Different regions might benefit from different kinds of support and events (what works in the north/northwest suburbs may not work for downstate regions). We need to find something that is easy and mutually beneficial for libraries and legislators as that will go a long way towards helping our cause.
 - There was a positive response to continuing to offer similar advocacy training ahead of any legislative meetups in the future.
6. Update on potential partnership with ALA’s Government Documents Roundtable for an advocacy presentation at the ALA Conference in June (Nanette, Gail)
 - Gail and Nanette met with someone from ALA and are waiting to hear back. They are looking for an additional speaker for June 24-25 at the ALA Annual Conference.

7. Projects:

a. Conference Programs / Noon Network (Nanette, Sara, Joanna, Qiana)

- Nanette and Sara will present a version of RSA at IYSI on March 17.
- Amanda and Nanette will present a version of RSA and RF South in April
- Consider what programs Advocacy Committee can present at ILA Annual in October. Amanda volunteered to help as a legislator panel moderator. Ideas for other presentations need to be submitted sometime in April.

b. ILA Reporter Articles (Laura, Joanna, Chris)

- No update as no meeting has been held.

8. Other Business

- None

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Gail Graziani at 10:26am.