

Minutes from the ILA-PPC Meeting on May 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Daniel Matthews at 10:01am.

Attendance

Voting Members Present: Sam Adams-Lanham, Marian Albers, Dennis Danowski, Ryan Livergood, Rebecca Malinowski, Daniel Matthews, Karolyn Nance, Kathy Parker, Dee Anna Phares, and Scott Pointon.

Voting Members Absent: Monica Dombrowski and Catherine Yanikowski.

Ex Officio Members Present: Derek Blaida, Monica Harris (for Dee Brennan), Elizabeth Clarage (for Anne Craig), Veronica De Fazio, Diane Foote, Jeanne Hamilton, Lo Ann Jacobs, Greg McCormick, Magan Szwerek, and Lee Ann Wilson.

Ex Officio Members Absent: Molly Beestrum, Patrick Molloy, Ellen Popit, and Alex Todd.

Guests Present: Cyndi Robinson, Matthew Almendras, Tina Hubert and Tom Stagg.

Approval of Agenda

_____, moved to approve the May 3, 2021 agenda. _____ seconded the motion. All approved. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Marian Albers made a motion to approve the April 5, 2021 minutes. Dee Ann Phares seconded the motion.

It was noted that Dennis Danowski's name was listed as Daniel.

Diane Foote commented that on page 2, paragraph 3 that emendations needed to be corrected to amendments.

Kathy Parker made a motion to approve the minutes if the April 5, 2021 meeting as corrected. Scott Pointon seconded the motion. All approved, the motion carried.

Federal Updates (In ILA updates)

Diane Foote reported that the ILA Legislative update is sent out on Thursdays. The latest was sent out on Thursday, April 29, 2021 prior to the PPC meeting.

Build America's Libraries Act

This act will provide 5 billion dollars in funds to build or renovate any public library. Diane reported that to date there are 9 Representatives that are in support of the act. They are continuously trying to get more support. Senator Durbin is also in support of the act and they are

trying to gain support from Senator Duckworth. Diane asked committee members to reach out to Senator Duckworth.

FY2022 Appropriations

The 2022 Fiscal Year Appropriations will support funding for the LSTA and the IAL. To date, Representatives Casten, Danny K. Davis, Schneider, Foster, and Bustos have signed "Dear Appropriator" letters in favor of both. Representative Schakowsky and Senator Durbin have signed in favor of LSTA. Representatives Rush, Kelly, Newman, and LaHood have signed in favor of IAL.

American Rescue Plan Act

We are continuing to support the American Rescue Plan Act. As reported before, money will be available for programs as part of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The first allotment of funding from the NEA to regional and state arts agencies was announced. Some of the funds are geared towards LSTA and IMLS and some funds are geared towards state and local governments which libraries are also eligible for. We should encourage libraries to reach out to their colleagues to start to lay the groundwork. Guidelines have not yet been announced, but you can follow the updates on the Illinois Arts Council Agency website.

Other

Illinois will be losing one Congressional seat and one electoral college vote.

State Legislative Update

Illinois House Bill Discussion

There are 30 days left. We will pass a budget. We will receive billions of dollars but these funds can be expended through 2024 so there may be some hold back.

Illinois will also be redrawing the district maps but we have not received the 2020 census data. What this means is still to be determined.

There have been ethic proposals proposed in both the House and Senate. There will be a push for an ethics package but Derek is unsure if this will be in place by May 31, 2021. This will have a potential impact on who has to register as a lobbyist and what consultants on various payrolls may have to disclose.

We may or may not have an energy package by May 31, 2021.

SB 101 Affordability in Higher Education (IL-PIRG)

SB 101 seeks to create a task force that will look at the affordability of college course materials. We will support this bill. Matthew Almendras from Public Interest Research Group spoke and asked for our support in partnering with PIRG as it will help with advocacy. PIRG will be nominating him for the task force as student member. It is good for students because it saves them money. As Librarians he feels that we support freedom for access to information. Students need to be represented even if it is part of the public sector. Diane reported that the bill has

passed out of the appropriate committees within in the House and Senate within the current time frame. Please take a look at the article in the ILA Reported that discussed open educational resources. This is not our bill. It does convene a task force and we will seek to have a librarian or an online learning specialist included on the task force. We would like to make a nomination when the time comes. Please brainstorm some names before the next meeting. We would seek to nominate academic librarians instead of a Dean or someone not at the level this impacts. CARLI should be made aware of this if they have not all ready been informed. The task force will look at affordability of text books and college course materials and who will be impacted. This is considered a baby step for Illinois compared to other surrounding states that have funding in place for students to go through their full degree without having to pay for course materials.

HB 2071 Online Resources Task Force (RAILS)

HB 2071 is a shell bill because the amendment to create another task force can not come out of the rules committee sponsored by leader Durkin. Derek will email the amendment. He would like us to read through the document especially as we head into the Summer months and gear up for the Fall legislative period. Monica Harris from RAILS reported that Illinois does not have a shared database program which is one of two states lacking. RAILS looked at other states. Similar to the OER, A task force will be created made of up various representatives. It did receive bi-partisan support. McLaughlin is now in charge but he did not flag it as a priority as an oversight. Our options are to have it amended or wait until the Fall veto session. Information will be sent out as to what databases other states are using.

HB 234 Media Literacy (AISLE)

HB 234 requires the inclusion of media literacy in Illinois public high school curricula. ILA worked with AISLE to support this. It has passed the House and is now in the Senate. The list of voters falls along party lines. Democrats have the majority and they are for the bill so it will most likely pass.

HB 2232 Per Capita Grants

HB 2232 codifies the increase in per capita grants for school and public libraries in in statute. It passed the Senate and is now in the House. The Bill is half way through and should be sent to the Governor within the next 30days.

HB 3254 Diversity in Literature Bill

HB 3254 intends to require BIPOC Authors in school curricula specifically high school English curricula. Should have been handled how the History Curricula was handled which had a task force that included a librarian. It is a laudable goal and PPC does support it however there does need to be an amendment which would address school boards being allowed to make the decision at the board level of what titles to include. This could hamper the overall goal of including more diversity within the collections of high schools. ILA has enlisted the help of Dr. Emily Knox from the University of Illinois. She is working with us to reach out to Senator Fords office so we can work on amending the wording of the bill. We have been going back and forth with Senator Ford. He has welcomed the involvement of ILA in this and he recognized that we

can assist with this. We can work on appropriate wording this summer and be prepared for the Fall legislative session.

HB3737

There was a question about HB3737 which amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "member-based organization" as any group, association, or organization that: (1) has a membership that includes one or more government taxing bodies; (2) lobbies on behalf of its governmental members; and (3) receives a majority of its funding from its governmental members. Provides that a member-based organization is a public body under the Act; however, only records relating to the member-based organization's receipt of public funds or its expenditures made in whole or in part with public funds are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public.

Diane reported that she appreciates the concern but that this bill does not directly impact ILA because ILA does not receive the majority of funding from their membership. They receive it through the IREAD Summer Reading program. ILA will monitor this. Derek does not think this will go anywhere because where does it stop? There is clearly a line between common sense and over the cliff proposals that we have seen in the past.

PPC Handbook

A copy of a document that the Best Practices Committee created was shared with the committee. It outlines the following:

Composition of the Committee

Liaisons

Terms

Charge

Check-Ins

Meetings

Member Participation

Advocating Committee Work

Projects

Committee Timetable

Recommendations

Diane would like to know if we want to create a document like this for PPC. Some members feel that it will be a good tool to help with recruitment and for new members.

Diane has a concern that we should refer to the links on the ILA website instead of restating items, so that the document doesn't have to be continuously updated in numerous locations.

Some things apply to all committees like liaisons etc. Some of the information is on the website.

Could we just create one document that addresses all of the committees and then has bullet points on the bottom of the document that pertains to each committee. Please bring your thoughts

and ideas to the next meeting. A sub-committee will be created to outline how to proceed with this.

Summer Prep

It has been discussed that the committee should start their planning prior to the summer. A calendar is in place that outlines the timeline and process but needs to be updated. We need to get feedback earlier from our members maybe using an online survey so that we are off and running in July instead of starting discussions in July and moving forward in August. More attention needs to be brought to the online calendar.

McClarren Legislative Development Award

We currently have one nomination. Nominations are due May 15, 2021. We will need to decide in June.

Motion by _____ to adjourn; Kathy Parker seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 11:39am.