

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
This meeting will be held as part of the ILA Orientation workshop.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Introductions – Name, Library and what brought you to the AC
3. Approval of Agenda: July 14, 2021
4. Approval of Minutes: June 7, 2021
5. Advocacy Committee Overview – Charge, By-laws and current projects
6. 2021-22 – Existing projects
 - a. Legislative Meet-ups
 - i. What are they
 - ii. Alternative possibilities
 - b. Advocacy training –
 - i. Tool Kit update
 - ii. Reaching Forward, ILA Conference, etc.
 - iii. Committee train-the-trainer
7. 2021-22 – New ideas
8. Adjournment

Committee Charge

- Supports the targeted advocacy efforts set forth by the American Library Association and the Illinois Library Association
- Strives to unite ILA members behind advocacy efforts set for the by the ILA Executive Board;
- Works in tandem with the Public Policy Committee (PPC) to implement an annual legislative agenda;
- Provides ILA members with the tools to make local, statewide, and national advocacy an integral part of their professional life;
- Develops a long-range advocacy plan in conjunction with PPC and the Executive Board; and
- Within this broad framework collaborates with the ILA President and ILA Executive Director to set an annual calendar of advocacy activities and to create communications, materials, and training in support of these activities.

[Advocacy Calendar](#)

Voting Members:

Nanette Donohue* - Champaign Public Library

Magan Szwarek* - Schaumburg Township District Library

Joanna Bertucci - Park Ridge Public Library

Keith Michael Fiels - Retired/ALA
Matthew Fruth - Oak Park Public Library
Gail Graziani - Lisle Library District
Kate Hall - Northbrook Public Library
Chris Houchens - Charleston Carnegie Public Library
Qiana Johnson - Northwestern University Libraries
Amanda McKay - Helen Matthes Library
Valerie - Neylon - City Colleges of Chicago
Jeffrey Wheeler - U of I Chicago

Ex officio Members:

Sam Adams-Lanham - ILA PPC Chair, Barrington Public Library
Diane Foote - ILA
Jeanne Hamilton - ILA President, Bloomington Public Library
Heather Jagman - ILA VP/President-Elect, DePaul University
Greg McCormick - Illinois State Library
Marielle McNeal - ILA Board Liason, Edward Hines VA Hospital

Guests:

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers:

August 30, 2021 - Joanna Bertucci
October 4, 2021 - Keith Fiels
November 1, 2021 - Matthew Fruth
December 6, 2021 -Gail Graziani
January 10, 2022 - Kate Hall
February 7, 2022 - Chris Houchens
March 7, 2022 - Qiana Johnson
April 4, 2022 - Amanda McKay
May 2, 2022 - Valerie Neylon
June 6, 2022 - Jeffrey Wheeler

All meetings are at 10 AM. 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 Advocacy Committee voting member.