

**Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee**  
**Monday, May 2, 2022**  
**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**ILA committee meetings are open to ILA members as observers/guests. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact ILA Executive Director Diane Foote at [dfoote@ila.org](mailto:dfoote@ila.org).**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda: May 2, 2022
3. Approval of Minutes: [April 4, 2022](#)
4. Legislative agenda (PPC)
5. Conference programs
  - a. Reaching Forward
  - b. ILA Annual
6. Bigger Than A Building Revamp Update
  - a. Story collection ideas (Tam/Diane)
    - i. [Illinois Loves Libraries Logos](#)
7. 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 forth 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.

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**Voting Members:**

Nanette Donohue\* - Champaign Public Library  
Magan Szwarek\* - Schaumburg Township District Library  
Joanna Bertucci - Park Ridge Public Library  
Keith 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 - Effingham Public 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  
Carmen Patlan - ILA Board Liason, Highwood Public Library

**Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers:**

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