

**Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee**  
**Monday, May 1, 10:00 AM**  
**Online Meeting**  
**Minutes**

1. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order by Gail Graziani at 10:00 am.

Attendance

- Voting Members
    - Present: Sam Adams-Lanham, Joanna Bertucci, Dennis Danowski, Nanette Donohue, Gail Graziani, Chris Houchens, Qiana Johnson, Laura Kirk, Amanda McKay and Sara Murray
    - Absent: Victoria Blackmer
  - Ex-officio Members
    - Present: Ryan Livergood, Cyndi Robinson, Heather Jagman, Ryan Johnson, and Alex Todd
    - Absent: Greg McCormick
  - Also Present
    - Derek Blaida, ILA Legislative Consultant
2. Approval of 5/1/23 Agenda
    - a. Approved by unanimous consent
  3. Approval of 4/3/23 Minutes
    - a. Approved by unanimous consent
  4. Updates
    - a. ILA Public Policy Committee (Ryan Livergood, PPC Chair)
      - i. No update as PPC will be meeting this afternoon
    - b. ILA Executive Board (Heather Jagman, ILA President and Cyndi Robinson, ILA Executive Director)
      - i. Executive Board will be meeting in Springfield on May 25.
    - c. Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick, ISL Director)
      - i. No report.
    - d. Legislative Update (Derek Blaida)
      - i. The legislature is focusing heavily on the FY24 budget. A reduction or shift in projected revenues will drive those conversations as legislatures discuss how to close the funding gap.
  5. Subcommittee Updates:
    - a. Conference Program/Noon Network Coordinating - Nanette, Sara, Sam, Joanna, Qiana
      - i. Nanette's presentation at Reaching Forward South was extremely successful with a record number of attendees. The RSA Frontline edition presentation can be shared and/or modified for others to use for conference presentations.
      - ii. Joanna will be presenting on RSA at Reaching Forward in Rosemont on Friday, 5/5.

- iii. Nanette suggested submitting a proposal to present Ready, Set, Advocate at PLA in Columbus, OH (April 3-5, 2024). Joanna, Sara, and Amanda expressed interest in co-presenting with Nanette.
  - b. Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules - Nanette, Gail, Dennis, Sam, Joanna, Qiana
    - i. This subcommittee has not met yet.
  - c. ILA Reporter Articles - Laura, Joanna, Chris
    - i. Laura shared that the group is still brainstorming ideas and is hoping to have an article ready for the June submission deadline.
6. Old Business
  - a. Partnership with ALA's Government Documents Roundtable for ALA Conference Presentation - Gail/Nanette
    - i. The group is not going to pursue a partnership at this time.
7. New Business
  - a. None.
8. Adjournment
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 by Gail Graziani

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanna Bertucci  
May 1, 2023

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#### **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.

#### **Voting Members:**

Nanette Donohue\* - Champaign Public Library  
Gail Graziani\* - Indian Prairie Public Library

Sam Adams-Lanham - Barrington Area Library  
Joanna Bertucci - Park Ridge Public Library  
Victoria Blackmer - Robert R. Jones Public Library  
Dennis Danowski - Macomb Public Library  
Chris Houchens - Charleston Carnegie Public Library  
Qiana Johnson - Northwestern University Libraries  
Laura Kirk - Green Hills Public Library District  
Amanda McKay - Effingham Public Library  
Sara Murray - Algonquin Area Public Library District

**Ex officio Members:**

Ryan Livergood - ILA PPC Chair, Warren-Newport Public Library District  
Diane Foote/Cyndi Robinson - ILA  
Heather Jagman - ILA President, DePaul University Library  
Ryan Johnson - ILA VP/President-Elect, O'Fallon Public Library  
Greg McCormick - Illinois State Library  
Alex Todd - ILA Board Liaison

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

June 5, 2023 - Gail Graziani

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.