

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes 12/4/23

Meeting called to order by Amanda McKay at 1:01pm

Attendees

Voting Members

X	Adamowski, Betsy <i>Wheaton Public Library</i>	X	Graziani, Gail (Co-Chair) <i>Indian Prairie Public Library</i>
X	Adams-Lanham, Sam <i>Barrington Area Public Library</i>	X	Houchens, Chris <i>Charleston Carnegie Public Library</i>
X	Bertucci, Joanna <i>Park Ridge Public Library</i>	X	Kirk, Laura <i>Churchill Elementary School Library</i>
A	Danowski, Dennis <i>Macomb Public Library</i>	X	McKay, Amanda (Co-Chair) <i>Effingham Public Library</i>
X	Dombrowski, Monica <i>Winnetka-Northfield Public Library</i>	X	Murray, Sara <i>Algonquin Area Public Library</i>
X	Donohue, Nanette <i>Champaign Public Library</i>	X	Prendergast, Tim <i>Hodgkins Public Library</i>

Ex Officio Members

X	Byers, Amy <i>ILA VP/President Elect</i>	X	Robinson, Cyndi <i>ILA Executive Director</i>
A	Jagman, Heather <i>ILA Immediate Past President</i>	X	Todd, Alex <i>ILA Board Liaison</i>
X	Johnson, Ryan <i>ILA President</i>	X	Waltermire, Kyla <i>ILA Public Policy Committee Chair</i>
X	McCormick, Greg <i>Illinois State Library Executive Director</i>		

Guests: Derek Blaida, *ILA Legislative Consultant*

- No changes to agenda, agenda approved.
- 11/4/23 Meeting Minutes approved with corrected spelling of Kyla Waltermire's last name.

Updates

- ILA Public Policy Committee (Kyla Waltermire, *Committee Chair*)
 - PPC decided to monitor the "1 Day's Rest in 7" bill to see what happens after the first of the year for two reasons:
 - That's what the legislators are doing.
 - Some of the RAILS member survey data had inconsistencies (such as one member library having multiple responses).

- PPC decided some legislation is likely needed on the “filing public notices for legal documents in newspapers” issue. They are considering an intergovernmental approach (libraries, park districts, Villages, etc.) but intend to put out a statewide survey of libraries first, to determine impact.
- ILA Executive Board (Ryan Johnson, *ILA President*)
 - No update.
- Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick, *ISL Executive Director*)
 - No update.
- Legislative Activity (Derek Blaida, *Legislative Consultant*)
 - Derek provided feedback that most legislators have appreciated moving the meetups to the end of the year, before the new year’s session begins, and hope that continues.
 - Derek expanded on Kyla’s update on “filing public notices for legal documents in newspapers,” sharing that past attempts to go all electronic have failed. He believes there is much support for a change but that it likely will be some kind of hybrid solution (perhaps based on population or budget of taxing body).
 - Derek shared that the legislative session starting January 16th will likely be off to a slow start this year.
- Legislative Meetups (Cyndi, Betsy, Chris)
 - Successful events in Edwardsville, Effingham, Bloomington/Normal, & Rochelle in the last week.
 - North Suburban scheduled 12/5 in Northbrook (100 registered)
 - South Suburban scheduled 12/6 in Alsip (45 registered)
 - West Suburban scheduled 12/6 in Oak Brook (88 registered)
 - Betsy recommended that in the future, all Committee members call representatives to try to encourage attendance and be sure they got/saw the invitations to the events.
 - Betsy said ILA used to have something called LAN (Legislative Action Network) and it was the same concept. The group discussed bringing it back and making it part of the Legislative Meetups subcommittee.

Recap of Recent/Upcoming Programs

- Nanette & Amanda recently presented to IHLS members at their Members Matter event; feedback was positive.

Subcommittee Updates

- Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules (Tim, Nanette, Sam, Monica, Joanna)
 - No update.

- Legislative Meetups (Betsy, Laura, Chris)
 - No further update (see above).
- Webpage Updates/Other Advocacy Tools (Chris, Gail, Sam, Monica)
 - The team met and started sharing ideas. They plan to meet again today following the normally scheduled meeting but are not ready to share anything yet.
- Conference Programs and Training (Nanette, Tim)
 - The team met and Nanette started sharing ideas with Tim on which conferences to target. They plan to meet again to have further discussions.
- ILA Reporter Article (Laura, Joanna)
 - The team met and started sharing ideas. They will meet again in the new year to create a plan.

Old Business

- More Than a Building (Cyndi Robinson, *ILA Executive Director*)
 - They are putting the final pieces together and should have some news to share soon.

New Business

- No new business

Adjournment at 1:41pm. Notes taken by Monica Dombrowski.