

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee

Monday, June 7, at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Alex Todd at 1:03 pm.
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Approval of Agenda: June 7, 2021 - approved by unanimous consent
4. Approval of Minutes: May 3, 2021 – approved by unanimous consent
5. Reports
 - a. ILA Executive Director, Diane Foote
Executive Director Foote provided updates on the tentative date for ILA Orientation in July, the new committee composition statement applicable to all ILA Committees, and the statement of commitment to DEI approved by the Executive Board in May 2021. Updates were also provided about upcoming iRead themes, 2 new library luminary inductees, and the 2021-22 budget approval timeline.
 - b. ILA President, Veronica DeFazio
President DeFazio thanked the committee for the successful work they have done in the preceding year, with special thanks and congratulations to outgoing Committee co-chair Alex Todd.
 - c. ILA Legislative Consultant, Derek Blaida
Consultant Blaida provided updates about the legislative year which was overall positive, HB 2232 was passed, which increased per capita grant allotments to schools and libraries.
 - d. ILA Public Policy Chair, Daniel Matthews
PPC is in the process of editing its guiding principles documentation and creating a handbook. The McClarren award winner was discussed in closed session, Sam Adams-Lanham was announced as incoming PPC chair.
6. Around the Table & Across the State – no update
7. "Ready, Set, Advocate!" ILA Advocacy toolkit and training program
Betsy & Keith reviewed their work updating the toolkit and developing the training module templates created to support the toolkit. The finalized version will be updated with the branding developed by ILA's designer.
8. Looking forward – projects, programs, oh my!
ILA program acceptances confirmed, will roll out the new training modules at Annual, looking ahead to legislative updates, developing train-the-trainer content for the toolkit and modules.
9. Adjournment – *meeting was adjourned by Alex Todd at 2:07 pm.*

Advocacy Committee's 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. 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 Present:

X Betsy Adamowski
Wheaton Public Library

X Nanette Donohue
Champaign Public
Library

X Keith
Fiels
Retired/ALA

X Matthew Fruth
Oak Park Public Library Board

X Gail Graziani
Lisle Library District

X Qiana Johnson
Northwestern University

Amanda McKay
Effingham Public Library

XVal Neylon
City Colleges of Chicago

X Magan Szwarek*
Schaumburg Twp District Library

X Alex Todd*
Prospect Heights Public Library

Jeffrey Wheeler
U of I Chicago

X Amanda Zagloba
Chicago Public
Library

Ex-Officio Members Present:

X Veronica
DeFazio ILA
President

X Diane Foote
ILA

X Jeanne Hamilton
ILA VP/President-Elect

Marielle McNeal
ILA Board
Liaison

X Daniel
Matthews ILA
PPC Chair

X Greg McCormick
Illinois State
Library

Guests: Derek Blaida, Cyndi Robinson
