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
- X Greg McCormick  
  Illinois State Library

**Guests:** Derek Blaida, Cyndi Robinson