

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee
Monday, August 28, 2023, 1:00 - 3:00
Recurring Online Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88517260623>

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Gail Graziani at 1:01pm

Voting Members:

Present: Gail Graziani, Betsy Adamowski, Sam Adams-Lanham, Joanna Bertucci, Dennis Danowski, Monica Dombrowski, Nanette Donohue, Chris Houchens, Laura Kirk, Tim Prendergast

Absent: Amanda McKay, Victoria Blackmer

Ex-Officio Members:

Present: Amy Byers, Kyla Waltermire, Cyndi Robinson, Alex Todd

Absent: Ryan Johnson, Heather Jagman, Greg McCormick

Guests: No guests present

Also Present: Derek Blaida, ILA Legislative Consultant

2. Approval of Agenda: August 28, 2023

Approved by unanimous consent

3. Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2023

Approved by unanimous consent

4. Subcommittee Formation:

- a. Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules
- b. Legislative Meet-ups
- c. Other Advocacy Tools / Webpage Update
- d. Conference Programs and Ongoing Advocacy Training
- e. ILA Reporter Article / Other?

Members were encouraged to email Gail with their preferred subcommittees. Gail will compile the list of subcommittees and email them out.

5. Discussion of holding subcommittee breakout sessions following meetings (Sam / Cyndi)

As it can be difficult for Committee Members to find time outside of the regularly scheduled Advocacy Committee meetings for their subcommittees, the idea of using part of the regular meetings to have the subcommittees meet was proposed. This idea was well received by the Committee.

6. Legislative Meet-Up Survey Results and Discussion (Cyndi)

Most responders to the survey had been active with prior meet-ups, and most responders are open to the meet-ups occurring at a different time of the year. Cyndi and Derek have created and proposed a new schedule for the Legislative meet-ups:

Tuesday, November 28

Metro East – Breakfast

Southern – Lunch

Wednesday, November 29:

Central – Breakfast

Northwest – Lunch

Tuesday, December 5:

N. Suburban & Chicago – Breakfast

Wednesday, December 6:

S. Suburban & Chicago – Breakfast

W. Suburban & Chicago - Lunch

Motion to accept the new dates by Sam Adams-Lanham

Second by Dennis Danowski

Yeas: 10, Nays: 0

7. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:48pm

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:

Gail Graziani* - Indian Prairie Public Library

Amanda McKay* - Effingham Public Library

Betsy Adamowski – Wheaton 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

Monica Dombrowski – Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District

Nanette Donohue - Champaign Public Library

Chris Houchens - Charleston Carnegie Public Library

Laura Kirk - Green Hills Public Library District

Tim Prendergast – Hodgkins Public Library District

Ex officio Members:

Amy Byers – Chatham Area Public Library District

Ryan Johnson - ILA VP/President-Elect, O’Fallon Public Library

Heather Jagman - ILA President, DePaul University Library

Kyla Waltermire - ILA PPC Chair, Mississippi Valley Library District

Greg McCormick - Illinois State Library

Cyndi Robinson – ILA Executive Director

Alex Todd – Board Liaison, Prospect Heights Public Library District

Guests:

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers:

August 28, 2023 - Chris Houchens

October 2, 2023 – Sam Adams-Lanham

November 6, 2023 – Tim Prendergast

December 4, 2023 - Monica Dombrowski

January 8, 2024 - Victoria Blackmer

February 5, 2024 - Laura Kirk

March 4, 2024 – Betsy Adamowski

April 1, 2024 - Dennis Danowski

May 6, 2024 – Joanna Bertucci

June 3, 2024 – Gail Graziani

All meetings are at 1:00 PM. 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.