



Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee

Monday, December 5, 2022 Minutes

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Meeting ID: 824 1470 5162

1. Called to Order at 10:01

Voting Members Present: Nanette Donohue, Gail Graziani, Sam Adams-Lanham, Victoria Blackmer, Dennis Danowski, Chris Houchens, Qiana Johnson, Amanda McKay; Absent: Joanna Bertucci, Laura Kirk

Ex-Officio Members Present: Cyndi Robinson, Heather Jagman, Ryan Johnson, Alex Todd; Absent: Ryan Livergood, Greg McCormick

2. Agenda was approved by unanimous consent

3. November minutes were approved by unanimous consent

4. Updates

a. No update from ILA Public Policy Committee as Ryan Livergood, PPC Chair was unable to attend

b. ILA Executive Board (Heather Jagman, ILA President): November meeting was primarily a debrief of the conference: feedback has been primarily positive

c. No update from Illinois State Library as Director Greg McCormick was unable to attend

d. State Legislative Update (Derek Blaida): veto session concluded Thursday, with:

i. technical fixes to Public Library Trustee Vacancies Public Act 102-0977; referred to as the "Niles-Maine" bill;

ii. tax bills are out today w/due date of Dec 30, therefore pushed next bill back from March 1 to April 1

iii. Saf-T Act: generating a lot of noise, but much of the conversation reflects an inaccurate understanding of the act

iv. Return Jan 9 for inaugurations

v. List of members of Library Enhancements committee for Secretary of State

Library Enhancements Chair: Heidi Smith, Executive Director, Highland Park Library 1. Chris M. Brown, Commissioner, Chicago Public Library 2. Patrick Corcoran, Policy Director, Illinois Office of the Comptroller 3. Eira Corral-Sepulveda, Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District 4. Karen Danczak Lyons, Former Director, Evanston Library 5. Will Davis, State Representative, 30th District 6. Ruth E. Faklis, Director of the Prairie Trails Public Library District, Burbank 7. LaToya Greenwood, State Representative, 114th District 8. Kathryn Harris, Board of Trustee, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum 9. Dan Montgomery, President, Illinois Federation of Teachers 10. Andie Townhouse, Librarian,

Roberto Clemente High School 11. Tamara Townsend, Dept. Chairperson, Librarian, CCC - Malcolm X College 12. Walter Turner, Reverend, New Spiritual Light Baptist Missionary Church 13. Lori Wilcox, City Clerk, Chicago Heights

- e. Federal Legislative Update (Cyndi Robinson): Please refer to <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1doGGdf7HjOadlv0G0YhS4XPR7ELlmlpcBk1fGFrNWwU/edit?usp=sharing>
5. Legislative Meetups (Cyndi/Nanette/Gail): after discussion, executive director and advocacy co-chairs have opted for a two-part meet-up interaction across three regions. Part 1: New legislators invited to attend a virtual meeting. Part 2: Local librarians and trustees follow up with visit to legislative office or an invitation to visit library
6. Subcommittees
 - a. Conference Program/Noon Network Coordinating - Nanette, Sara, Joanna, Qiana
 - i. Joanna put in proposal for 1st week in May in Rosemont, needs co-presenter
 - ii. Would like to put in proposal for Reaching Forward South
 - iii. Proposal in for YSF
 - b. Bigger than a Building Revamp - Gail, Amanda, Laura, Chris, Victoria, Sam
 - c. Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules - Nanette, Gail, Dennis, Sam, Joanna, Qiana
 - d. ILA Reporter Articles - Laura, Joanna, Chris
7. Other Business: Reviewed feedback forms from Ready Set Advocate program at conference; feedback was primarily positive but attendees did note that they would have liked more time for small group work and to illustrate options for ways front-line workers can do advocacy. The RSA subcommittee will work on options for delivering the material based on the time available. One option discussed was to present an overview of all three modules, but workshop a single section more deeply.
8. Adjourned at 10:24

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.

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers:

January 9, 2023 - Victoria Blackmer

February 6, 2023 - Laura Kirk

March 6, 2023 - Sara Murray

April 3, 2023 - Dennis Danowski

May 1, 2023 - Joanna Bertucci

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.