

MINUTES

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee Monday, February 6, 2023

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Committee members in attendance: Nanette Donohue, Gail Graziani, Sam Adams-Lanham, Joanna Bertucci, Victoria Blackmer, Dennis Danowski, Chris Houchens, Qiana Johnson, Laura Kirk, Amanda McKay, Sara Murray
Ex Officio members in attendance: Cyndi Robinson, Heather Jagman, Alex Todd, Ryan Livergood, Ryan Johnson, Greg McCormick
2. Approval of Agenda: February 6, 2023
The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
3. Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2023
Minutes for the January 9, 2023 meeting were not yet available.
4. Updates
 - a. ILA Public Policy Committee (Ryan Livergood, PPC Chair)
Cindy would be going through legislation this afternoon related to this
 - b. ILA Executive Board (Heather Jagman, ILA President)
Heather met on January 12 at board meeting, where they addressed navigating diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - c. Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick, ISL Director)
 - d. Legislative Update (Derek Blaida)
Derek said that they are off to a slow start in Springfield, that currently bill introduction is coming up, but that there is a severe backlog in getting everyone's bills out. He also said that there are generally no surprises and mentioned that the Governor's budget address is on Wednesday, February 15
5. Legislative Meetups (Cyndi/Nanette/Gail)
About 95 people registered for each of the two events related to legislative meetups- Get Ready to Advocate and Library 101 for Legislators. The question was raised as to how many people participated in the past in person for the legislative meetups. It was answered that there always was a good attendance in suburban events, Metro East, Central, and Southern Illinois, that Galesburg only had a handful of people, but that generally it was estimated to be around 100 attendees for most of the events.
6. Subcommittees
 - a. Conference Program/Noon Network Coordinating - Nanette, Sara, Sam, Joanna, Qiana
They are planning on presenting at these three conferences: Reaching forward, Reaching Forward South, and at the Illinois Youth Services Institute. They are coming up with something for Noon Network and are currently brainstorming for the annual conference.
 - b. Bigger than a Building Revamp - Gail, Amanda, Laura, Chris, Victoria

It was discussed that the committee previously agreed to take this off the agenda for now or maybe forever. It was asked that if no one has any objectives, this could be skipped going forward, and no one had any objections.

- c. Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules - Nanette, Gail, Dennis, Sam, Joanna, Qiana
They are having a quick meeting after this meeting and continuing to make updates to the training modules
 - d. ILA Reporter Articles - Laura, Joanna, Chris
No update at this time
7. New Business
- a. Partnership with ALA's Government Documents Roundtable for ALA Conference Presentation (Gail/Nanette)
There is the possibility of ALA's Government Documents Roundtable partnering with us for a conference presentation this year at the ALA conference in Chicago. At this point, it is not a fully formed idea, but it would be a good opportunity if some of the committee members might be interested in presenting.
 - b. PLA
For PLA next spring, Alex recommended giving other organizations an idea of how to present their own version of Ready, Set, Advocate
8. Adjournment

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:

Nanette Donohue* - Champaign Public Library
Gail Graziani* - Lisle Library District
Sam Adams-Lanham - Barrington Area Library
Joanna Bertucci - Park Ridge Public Library
Victoria Blackmer - Robert R. Jones Public Library

Dennis Danowski - Macomb Public Library
Chris Houchens - Charleston Carnegie Public Library
Qiana Johnson - Dartmouth University
Laura Kirk - Green Hills Public Library District
Amanda McKay - Effingham Public Library
Sara Murray - Algonquin Area Public Library District

Ex officio Members:

Ryan Livergood - ILA PPC Chair, Warren-Newport Public Library District
Cyndi Robinson - ILA
Heather Jagman - ILA President, DePaul University Library
Ryan Johnson - ILA VP/President-Elect, O'Fallon Public Library
Greg McCormick - Illinois State Library
Alex Todd - ILA Board Liaison

Guests:

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers:

August 29, 2022 - Chris Houchens
October 3, 2022 - Qiana Johnson
November 7, 2022 - Amanda McKay
December 5, 2022 - Sam Adams-Lanham
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.