

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes 2/5/2024

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendees

Voting Members

X	Adamowski, Betsy <i>Wheaton Public Library</i>	X	Graziani, Gail (Co-Chair) <i>Indian Prairie Public Library</i>
X	Adams-Lanham, Sam <i>Barrington Area Public Library</i>	A	Houchens, Chris <i>Charleston Carnegie Public Library</i>
X	Bertucci, Joanna <i>Park Ridge Public Library</i>	X	Kirk, Laura <i>Churchill Elementary School Library</i>
A	Danowski, Dennis <i>Macomb Public Library</i>	X	McKay, Amanda (Co-Chair) <i>Effingham Public Library</i>
X	Dombrowski, Monica <i>Winnetka-Northfield Public Library</i>	X	Murray, Sara <i>Algonquin Area Public Library</i>
X	Donohue, Nanette <i>Champaign Public Library</i>	X	Prendergast, Tim <i>Hodgkins Public Library</i>

Ex Officio Members

X	Byers, Amy <i>ILA VP/President Elect</i>	X	Robinson, Cyndi <i>ILA Executive Director</i>
A	Jagman, Heather <i>ILA Immediate Past President</i>	X	Todd, Alex <i>ILA Board Liaison</i>
A	Johnson, Ryan <i>ILA President</i>	X	Waltermire, Kyla <i>ILA Public Policy Committee Chair</i>
A	McCormick, Greg <i>Illinois State Library Executive Director</i>		

Guests: Derek Blaida, *ILA Legislative Consultant*

2. Approval of Agenda: February 5, 2024

No changes to agenda; agenda approved

3. Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2024

No comment; minutes approved unanimously

Updates:

4a. ILA Public Policy Committee - PPC reviewed the status of bills. SB2787 amends the Illinois Local Library Act and the Public Library District Act of 1991 and requires competitive bidding for contracts in excess of \$35,000 (rather than \$25,000). Attendees are asked to sign the witness slip to change bid thresholds from \$25K to \$35K. There was no update on the bill to change bonding amounts for treasurers. There is pushback from publishers on changes to ebook legislation. There are new requirements to report all independent contractors as new hires. A survey regarding publication requirements and access will be coming.

4b. ILA Executive Board - Amy reported that there was a meeting in January; there is a new library luminary candidate. There will be a 2024 slate of Exec Board candidates. There will be new nominating procedures. The next meeting is on March 7.

4c. Illinois State Library - Greg was not present, and so there was no update.

4d. Legislative Update - HB4567 considers library employees in a protected class against threats and could enhance penalties. Expect some amendments. The bill is in the House Rules Committee and currently covers public officials and human services providers. Park districts and teachers are not specifically indicated as a part of the bill.

Betsy reported that some schools are forfeiting state money by refusing to adhere to the Ban on Book Bans. Amanda McKay suggested developing talking points related to this issue that could be shared. Derek wondered if money appropriated to the State will be reduced because libraries refuse to take it. Laura suggested that we reach out to school paraprofessionals who may not be connected to ILA/AISLE to provide information and support. Cindy reminded us that school grant apps aren't due until fall so we still have some time to support and inform them and encourage them to adhere to the new law.

5. Recap of Recent Programs / Upcoming Programs

Tim reported that the Back In Circulation conference application is completed. Gail noted our application was accepted for Reaching Forward North. Amanda will be presenting Ready, Set, Advocate to the Addison Public Library. Nanette is presenting to the Resource Sharing Alliance in March.

6. Subcommittee Updates

6a. Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules- no update

6b. Legislative Meet-ups - the event went well at Oakbrook; we will keep similar dates for 2024

6c. Webpage/ Other Advocacy Tools - The Webpage Update / Other Advocacy Tools subcommittee volunteered to assist with formatting a toolkit in order to get the word out about the Equitable Access to Electronic Materials Act.

6d. Conference Programs and Ongoing Advocacy Training - no updates

6e. ILA Reporter Articles - no updates

There is a reminder that subcommittees are welcome to go into breakout rooms after advocacy committee meetings.

7. Old Business

More Than a Building will be meeting on Thursday

8. New Business -

Consider other committee involvement if your term is ending

9. Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm