

Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee
Monday, January 9, 2023 - 10:00 AM
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda: January 9, 2022
3. Approval of Minutes: [December 5, 2022](#)
4. Updates
 1. ILA Public Policy Committee (Ryan Livergood, PPC Chair)
Able to connect with legislative team and they may be able to share information with a week or so.
 2. ILA Executive Board (Heather Jagman, ILA President)
No update.
 3. Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick, ISL Director)
Began work with new administration and preparing for transition.
 4. Legislative Update (Derek Blaida)
Revisited bill passed 18 months ago – House bill 453 \$million-dollar levy. There is a good faith effort to post fiscal data.
2. Legislative Meetups (Cyndi/Nanette/Gail)
Discussed trying to connect with 28 new members of the assembly. Discussion of a statewide event to connect libraries and new members.
3. Illinois Secretary of State's 2023 agenda
Ready, Set, Advocate - Training members to feel capable and comfortable connecting with legislators first hand. The goal is to make members feel confident reaching out directly to legislators.
4. American Library Association's [2023 Federal Legislative and Public Policy Agenda](#)
Current focus is primarily on funding. COSLO; March 8-10th – asked what the target of the event is; have received no response from ALA yet.
5. Subcommittees
 - a. Conference Program/Noon Network Coordinating - Nanette, Sara, Joanna, Qiana
Two conference proposals have been accepted; Youth Services Institute and Reaching Forward South.
 - b. Bigger than a Building Revamp - Gail, Amanda, Laura, Chris, Victoria, Sam
Cyndi questioned if this is something we want to continue to pursue. Some of the information is outdated, and the immediacy is no longer there. The committee has decided to remove this topic from future meetings.
 - c. Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules - Nanette, Gail, Dennis, Sam, Joanna, Qiana
 - a. Ideas to follow up on feedback forms from ILA Annual
Late spring, early summer update expected in collaboration with conference prep.
 - d. ILA Reporter Articles - Laura, Joanna, Chris
No update.
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment