

## Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee

Monday, November 6, 2023 – Minutes

Called to Order at 1:00 PM

### Roll Call

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

Voting Members Absent: Sara Murray

Ex Officio Members Present: Amy Byers – ILA VP/President Elect; Kyla Waltermire – ILA PPC Chair; Greg McCormick – Illinois State Library; Cyndi Robinson – ILA Executive Director; Alex Todd – Board Liaison

Ex Officio Members Absent: Ryan Johnson – ILA President; Heather Jagman – ILA Past President

Also Present: Derek Blaida, Legislative Consultant

October 2, 2023 minutes approved by unanimous consent

### Updates

- ILA Public Policy Committee (Kyla Waltermire, PPC Chair)
  - Reported on attempted legislative changes to how much a treasurer's bond should cover (50% today, proposed no less than 10%). Kyla also reported on potential updates to the License to Read Act and the limits of contracts publishers can enter with libraries.
  - Also reported that it is not likely to see an exemption for libraries regarding the One Hour off for every Forty Worked law that will take effect state wide for 2024
  - Also reported that discussions were had regarding Flex Tax Use in the face of quickly rising costs industry wide
  - Finally reported about discussions regarding Records Retention and Disposal
- ILA Executive Board (Amy Byers – VP/President Elect)
  - Reported that the conference in Springfield was excellent, but executive board had not met yet to review
  - Audit set to begin on 11/9
- Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick – ISL Director)
  - Discussed on continued movement with the Open Education Resources Act
  - Also discussed drafting of budget request for FY25
- Legislative Update (Derek Blaida)
  - Discussed legislatures lack of interest in providing additional exemptions at the local government level at this time for the One Hour Off for Every Forty Hours Worked. They want to take a wait and see approach.
  - Also discussed the continued fight by the Illinois Municipal League on this issue.

### **Programming (Recent/Upcoming)**

- AISLE Conference (Oct. 1 @ Champaign)
  - Went well. Small but mighty group
- ILA Annual Conference (Oct 24-26 @ Springfield)
  - Went well.
  - Had to cancel one session due to lack of legislator availability due to veto session
  - Good turnout for RSA: Frontline Edition presentation
- Upcoming events
  - IHLS asked for Advocacy to present
  - Planning for Reaching Forward

### **Subcommittee Updates**

- Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules
  - No report
- Legislative Meetups
  - Nearly 100 registrants for the upcoming event
- Webpage/Other tools
  - No report
- Conference Programs and Training
  - No report
- ILA Reporter Article
  - No report

### **Old Business**

- More Than a Building
  - Cyndi Robinson reported that the webpage is nearly complete and will be ready for launch post-Thanksgiving
- Conference Recap
  - Went well

### **New Business**

- Legislative panel that was canceled at Conference due to veto session has been rescheduled
  - November 13 @ 12:00pm
  - Registration through ILA Noon Network

### **Adjournment**

- Adjournment @ 1:25 PM