



Illinois Library Association

ILA Forum and Committee Reports

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will have meetings on the following dates in 2018-19: September 20, 2018; November 29, 2018; January 31, 2019; April 11, 2019; and June 13, 2019. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: dfoote@ila.org.

Awards Committee

Forum or Committee

Mikael Jacobsen
Report completed by

8/25/18
Date

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The Committee:

- Selected and alerted award recipients.
- Wrote press releases attached to each award recipient.
- Attended the ILA event in Normal.
- Planning the Annual Banquet, including slideshows, blurbs, handouts, etc.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The Awards Committee will continue to concentrate on the awards banquet through ILA Peoria.

Beyond ILA, the Committee will concentrate on attracting submissions for awards. The committee is reviewing the ILA website to be sure that awards are being presented in the most understandable manner and editing when necessary.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:

Our main concern is funding. We have lost multiple sponsorships and have not been able to secure new ones. For instance, we will not be awarding the Library Innovation Award this year because of a lack of a sponsor. At this point it is necessary to have a sponsorship in order to present an award. I would like the ILA Board to consider means of a more consistent funding model.

I would also suggest the Board appoint a group to look at the overlap of awards subject matter as well as potential holes.