



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 2021-22: 9/23/21, 11/18/21, 1/13/2022 (mid-year "mini meeting;" no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/17/22, 5/19/22). 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: ila@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: Awards Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The committee reviewed all nominations and selected the award winners. The winners were then contacted and press releases written. Then our focus turned to planning for the Awards Ceremony. The committee decided pre-record the Award Ceremony this year. Since it will be recorded, we have also invited the award recipients to record a brief statement to be played during the ceremony. Tamara Jenkins is working with the award recipients, the sponsors, the ILA Presidents (current, past, future), and committee members to record the ceremony.

Since the ceremony is virtual again this year the committee decided to once again send a small gift to the winners. We selected an ILA water bottle and Tamara completed that.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The committee will decide on upcoming projects after the ceremony is completed. Possible ideas are creating a template for submitting nominations and a template for new award requests. Also suggested was creating documents for future committee members that list what the committee is responsible for. This would also include items such as a committee member roster, timeline (when awards nominations are due, winners selected, etc.), and any other pertinent information. Committee members are also thinking about other possible projects for the upcoming year.

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