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, 1/13/22 (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: Public Policy Committee

Report completed by: Sam Adams-Lanham Date: Sept 9, 2021

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Voted to approve update of Public Policy Principles
  o Request that Executive Board review and approve changes
- Voted to approve Public Policy Committee Handbook
  o Document for committee members’ reference; primarily compiles information, protocols, and best practices regarding PPC found on ILA website
- Committee members heard from proponents of various legislative initiatives that have been suggested to PPC, and then registered their opinion on the relative rank of those proposals. Link to folder with explanation of proposals.
  Our recommendation is that the Executive Board prioritize the proposals as follows:
  - Databases 58
  - Broadband 57
  - E-book pricing 56
  - Levy & general fund 48
  - OMA training 44 (tie)
  - Cards for <18 44 (tie)
  - Mergers 29
  
  For reference, a single item could have earned as few as 12 points or as many as 84.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- Develop strategy and tactics to further legislative proposals as directed by Executive Board
  o Assign PPC members to work on specific legislation
- Monitor federal & state legislature for developments that may affect libraries
  o Currently paying close attention to IL Diversity in Literature bill

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

- Request that Executive Board review and approve changes to Public Policy Principles
  o Once approved, please direct ILA staff to update website accordingly
- Request that board members become familiar with proposals under consideration and consider relative difficulty of various initiatives. Share insights and questions with PPC. When ready, vote to establish ILA’s legislative priorities for the year and communicate same to PPC Chair & Liaisons.