



## Illinois Library Association

### ILA Forum Report

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#### **Committee or Forum: Trustee Forum**

**Report completed by:** Kathy Caudill, ILA Trustee Forum President/Manager

**Date:** March 2, 2022

#### **Activities underway or completed since the last report:**

##### ***Trustee Forum Executive Board meetings – November 20, 2021 and January 8, 2022***

The Trustee Forum Executive Board met on November 20, 2021 via a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting.

- a. The Board welcomed several trustee visitors to the meeting, both in-person and virtually via Zoom.
- b. The Board discussed the spring Trustee Training programs and suggested training topics for the Trustee Day offerings at the upcoming ILA annual conference.
- c. The Board elected Thomas Stagg as Vice President/Manager-Elect, and re-elected Carol Kissane as Secretary. Tom is Treasurer of the Alpha Park Public Library Board in Bartonville (suburb of Peoria), and President of the RAILS Board of Directors. Carol Kissane serves on the board for the Brookfield Public Library.
- d. The Board adopted resolutions recognizing the efforts of Trustee Lila Marek, retiring Trustee from the Bridgeview Public Library Board, and Percy Harris, outgoing ILA Trustee Forum President and Trustee at the Homewood Public Library.
- e. In executive session the Board evaluated the information forms submitted by interested trustees who have been attending two or more Trustee Forum board meetings. The Board unanimously selected three additional Trustee Forum Board members: Monica Boyer from Bartlett Public Library District, Linda Lin from Glencoe Public Library District, and Monique Williams from the Harvey Public Library District. The Trustee Forum Board is now comprised of seven trustees from seven different libraries. We continue to work to expand our gender diversity and geographic diversity in the representation on the board.

The Trustee Forum Executive Board met on January 8, 2022 via a Zoom meeting.

- a. The Board welcomed its three new board members.
- b. The Board continued to brainstorm possible topics for the Spring trustee training programs taking place in March, April and May. Final topics were narrowed down to general trustee training (March 5), director evaluations (April 2), and the budgeting process (May 14).
- c. Suggestions were offered for Trustee Day programming at the 2022 ILA Annual Conference.
- d. Recognizing the difficulty some trustees face attending a Saturday morning quarterly meeting, the Board agreed that the next ILA Trustee Forum Board meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7 pm.

**Legislative Meet-ups** Members of the Trustee Forum board attended various legislative meetups. Trustee Forum President/Manager Kathy Caudill served as a local co-chair with Kate Hall for the Northwest Suburban meet-up taking place on Presidents' Day.

**Committee and Forum Open House – February 25, 2022** Four trustees from three libraries, as well as an Illinois State Library employee and a Library Director, joined Trustee Kathy Caudill in the breakout room for the Trustee Forum. Two trustees expressed interest in becoming more involved in library efforts beyond their individual libraries and serve in libraries that are not located in the north/northwest suburbs of Chicago. One trustee has already completed an interest form to be considered for membership on the Board.

**Trusty Trustee E-Newsletter** - The *Trusty Trustee* e-newsletter continues to be issued quarterly to ILA trustee members. Issues are archived on the Trustee Forum webpage (<https://www.ila.org/forum/5/library-trustee-forum-ltf>). New issues were emailed in December and February.

**Projected activities during the upcoming months:**

***Upcoming Scheduled Trustee Forum Board meetings – all meetings will be held via Zoom***

- i. Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom.
- ii. August 2022 via Zoom. Date to be determined.
- iii. October 20, 2022 meeting at the ILA conference on Trustee Day.

**Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:** None at this time.