

Illinois Library Association Public Policy Committee
Monday, December 5, 2022

Minutes taken by Jamie Paicely

Roll Call

Voting Members

 x Ryan Livergood – Warren-Newport Public Library District (CHAIR)
 x Melissa Gardner – Palatine Public Library District
 x Laura Long – East Moline Public Library
 x Rebecca Malinowski – Cooperative Computer Services
 x Jamie Paicely, Flossmoor Public Library
 x Nikeda Webb – Matteson Public Library (1:07)
 x Catherine Yanikoski – Engineering Systems, Inc.

Ex officio Members

 x Derek Blaida – ILA Legislative Consultant
 x Monica Harris – Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)

 x Anne Craig – Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)
 x Jeanne Hamilton – Bloomington Public Library, ILA Past President
 x Nanette Donohue – Champaign Public Library, Advocacy Committee
 x Cyndi Robinson – ILA Executive Director
 x Heather Jagman – DePaul University, ILA President
 x Lou Ann Jacobs – Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE)
 x Greg McCormick – Illinois State Library
 x Ellen Popit – Illinois Heartland Library System (ILHS)
 x Gail Graziani – Indian Prairie Public Library, Advocacy Committee

Not Present:

Voting Members

John Kokoris - Gail Borden Public Library
Donna Schaal - Argenta-Oreana Public Library
Kyla Waltermire - Mississippi Valley District Library

Ex Officio Members

Matthew Matkowski - Palos Heights Public Library, Intellectual Freedom Committee
Ryan Johnson, O'Fallon Public Library, ILA Vice President/President-Elect
Patrick Molloy - Chicago Public Library

Introduction of guests

Tina Hubert -Six Mile Regional Library District
Mary Witt - RAILS
Joe Filapek - RAILS
Leila Heath - RAILS

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- Review agenda for changes and additions - No Changes reported

 - Approve of [November 7 minutes](#)—No Changes reported

- Advocacy update--Nanette
 - Discussed new idea for Legislative Meet-ups - will have three meet ups (North, Central, and Southern Illinois) - These will be virtual - all legislators (especially new ones) will be invited to the virtual meeting where they will learn about the Illinois libraries and what we do. Attendees will then be encouraged to follow up in person with their legislatures.
 - Discussed submitting programs to Reaching Forward, Illinois Youth Service Institute, and Reaching Forward South to help train in advocacy for libraries.

- Report out from ILA Exec Board--Heather
 - Met November 17th - discussed annual conference
 - Approved IACRL OER Award/Grant Program, which will offer 5 grants worth \$500 each.
 - The Board also voted to extend the ILA Strategic Plan through July 1, 2023.
 - The Board voted to partner with Unite Against Book Bans.
 - They also confirmed Roberta Koscielski as an Illinois Library Luminary. In addition, they have nominated Emily Knox to be an Illinois Library Luminary.

- Federal update - Cyndi
 - ILA now a United Against Book Bans Organization Partner At its November 17, 2022, meeting the ILA board voted unanimously to become an organizational partner of [Unite Against Book Bans](#). Partner organizations represent parents, educators and librarians, students and readers, authors and publishers, community and advocacy organizations, businesses and workers, nonprofits and faith groups, elected officials and civic leaders, and concerned citizens who are united against book bans. The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 729 attempts to ban or restrict books and services in libraries, schools and universities in 2021, resulting in the removal or restriction of more than 1,597 individual book titles. By comparison, the ALA tracked 377 challenges targeting 566 books in 2019.
 - ALA Advocacy Action Update Advocates were asked to sign a thank-you card for Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) and Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ-03). The goal was 1,000 signatures and we received 3,435, which were delivered to Capitol Hill on Thursday, November 3rd. This bill will be re-introduced in the next Congress and has a long way to go. If you have not yet done so, please join ALA's advocacy list.
 - Federal Library Facilities Funding Update [50+ Reps have signed](#) Andy Levin (D-MI-09) and Rep. Adriano Espaillat's (D-NY-13) letter calling for an historic investment to #BuildLibraries & modernize facilities. The funding, already included in the Senate budget proposal but not yet in the House's, would be the first of its kind in 25+ years.
 - Grant Funding Read ALA's new Digital Equity [report](#) to learn about new federal funding available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to get community members online through the library. Libraries of all types are eligible for ACP outreach grants – applications due Jan 9, 2023. <https://www.fcc.gov/acp-grants>

- State update - Derek
 - Discussed the SAFE-T Act and the misinformation that is being shared online. Will get a 2-3 pager to us for clarification on what the Act is. Derek did mention that it does clarify what happens when situations occur at public spaces, such as libraries.
 - Senate Calendar has also been released, Derek will forward it to us as well.

- Monica asked about anything coming up that we will need to watch and Derek shared there really isn't anything currently. Two of our initiatives will be discussed when the new Secretary of State takes office and the other one will depend on fund availability, which will be discussed at a later date.
- Ryan asked about the change in a simply majority vote opposed to the prior ⅔ majority vote. Derek shared that votes between Jan 1 - Jun 30 require a simply majority vote. Votes between Jul 1 - Dec 31 require a ⅔ majority vote to pass.
- Old business
 - City library update - Laura
 - This group met in November and discussed a RAILS survey so that they can focus the group and address the issues that city libraries are facing and any training or assistance they need
 - AISLE update - Lou Ann
 - Next meeting in January
 - Did share the ILA information with members about the new Secretary of State's comment page and to let him know about the suggestions / requests for statewide databases.
- New business
 - Secretary of State Transition Team - Ryan
 - Shared about the Library Enhancement Transition Team that is focused on libraries. Cyndi and Ryan will be meeting with chair Heidi Smith next week. Cyndi also shared the members who include: Chair: Heidi Smith, Executive Director, Highland Park Library , 1. Chris M. Brown, Commissioner, Chicago Public Library, 2. Patrick Corcoran, Policy Director, Illinois Office of the Comptroller, 3. Eira Corral-Sepulveda, Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, 4. Karen Danczak Lyons, Former Director, Evanston Library, 5. Will Davis, State Representative, 30th District, 6. Ruth E. Faklis, Director of the Prairie Trails Public Library District, Burbank, 7. LaToya Greenwood, State Representative, 114th District, 8. Kathryn Harris, Board of Trustee, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, 9. Dan Montgomery, President, Illinois Federation of Teachers, 10. Andie Townhouse, Librarian, Roberto Clemente High School, 11. Tamara Townsend, Dept. Chairperson, Librarian, CCC - Malcolm X College, 12. Walter Turner, Reverend, New Spiritual Light Baptist Missionary Church, and 13. Lori Wilcox, City Clerk, Chicago Heights
 - Ellen and others shared concerns that this seems like a team largely based in the Northern part of the state.
- Final comments and adjournment
 - Adjourn at 1:23 pm

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers

January 9, 2023	Donna Schaal	April 3, 2023	Catherine Yanikoski
February 6, 2023	Kyla Waltermire	May 1, 2023	Member to be appointed
March 6, 2023	Nikeda Webb	June 5, 2023	Member to be appointed

All meetings are at 1 PM. In-person meeting locations will rotate; all meetings will also be accessible through Zoom. If you cannot take minutes on your assigned date, please trade with another PPC voting member.