

Illinois Library Association
Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 5, 2020

Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

Dennis Danowski(Chair), Sam Adams-Lanham, Marian Albers, Anthony Austin, Monica Dombrowski, Betsy Mahoney, Daniel Matthews, Karolyn Nance, Kathy Parker, Dee Anna Phares, Scott Pointon and Mike Starasta.

Voting Members Absent:

None

Ex Officio Members Present:

Molly Beestrup, Derek Blaida, Dee Brennan, Veronica De Fazio, Jim Deiters, Diane Foote, Cynthia Fuerst, Lou Ann Jacobs, Greg McCormick, Paul Mills, Ellen Popit, Mary Ellen Messner (for Chicago Public Library) and Alex Todd

Approval of the Agenda

Marianne Albers made a motion to approve the February 5, 2020 Agenda. Kathy Parker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Scott Pointon made a motion to approve the revised minutes from the January 6, 2020 PPC Meeting. Kathy Parker seconded the motion. The revised minutes were approved.

Public Comments

None

Legislative Priorities Reports

ILA Legislative Consultant: Derek Blaida was in session. He plans to join the meeting as soon as he can.

Diane Foote's Report

Diane Foote reported that the Legislative meet ups are going well. There were almost 100 attendees at the West Suburban Meet Up, which was held on February 3, 2020. There were nice comments from Congressman Bill Foster and Representative Sean Casten about what they feel

is the value of libraries and the importance of solid funding. The upcoming Legislative Meet-Ups are scheduled for the following dates:

Friday, February 7, 2020
Metro East Breakfast

Monday, February 10, 2020
Southern Illinois Lunch

Friday, February 14, 2020
Central Illinois Breakfast

Friday, February 14, 2020
Western Illinois Lunch

Monday, February 17, 2020
Presidents Day Breakfast

Friday, February 21, 2020
South Suburban Breakfast

Friday, March 6, 2020
Chicago Library Lunch

The numbers are up for all of the meetings. The Chicago Lunch will be at the Winter Garden. Mary Ellen Messner reported that they are getting more attendees signed up.

Marianne Albers remembers when there were only three meet-ups scheduled, so it is nice to see the growth. Diane Foote is thinking of adding one near Rockford.

Federal Legislative Priorities

Regarding Library Funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) there was an increase for the 2020 Fiscal Year. Last year \$183 million was received and this year it increased to \$195 million. Working on deciding on how much to request for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

The (IMLS) Director is now in charge of Net Neutrality for both the State and Federal levels. We continue to support the Digital Equity Act. We continue to support access to high-speed Internet access.

The Macmillan E-books embargo is a concern.

There is a potential issue with data distortion regarding the census. Diane will keep us apprised of new information as it comes along.

2020 Bills

Hb4135 Cannabis law

Opt to collect 1% of taxes of cannabis sales. Referred to finance committee and referred to a sub-committee. Do not know yet about changes. Dan Deidich and Cynthia Fuersts are local library directors in favor of bills that give us additional revenue without taking away what we have now. He has been interviewed in the press to say that the goal is too eventually cap property tax. Does not affect very many of us. 37 are able to sell recreational only 17 are in library districts. Dispensaries are expected to rise. Only 2% of public libraries will be affected. Gives boards the option. Probably will not go through. Only counties will oppose this bill. Not heard in committee until next month sometime.

Hb4065 Public Official Body Camera

Creates the Public Official Body Camera Act. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall develop rules for the use of body cameras by public officials of the State. Specifies requirements concerning the use of body cameras. Provides that recordings made with the use of a body camera worn by a public official are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that the recordings may be used as evidence in any administrative, judicial, legislative, or disciplinary proceeding. Provides that if a court or other finder of fact finds by a preponderance of the evidence that a recording was intentionally not captured, destroyed, altered, or intermittently captured in violation of the Act, then the court or other finder of fact shall consider or be instructed to consider that violation in weighing the evidence, unless the State provides a reasonable justification. Makes conforming changes to the Freedom of Information Act. Has not been assigned to a committee. It probably will not be heard. Takes exception that cops must wear cameras when other public officials do not have to.

Library Records Confidentiality Act

Amends the Library Records Confidentiality Act. Provides that information that a library may not publish or make public include a patron's personal identifiable information. Defines "personal identifiable information". Provides that a privacy violation or breach of confidentiality will not have occurred if a library publishes or makes public personal identifiable information with the documented consent of the patron. Referred to assignments.

HB 3854 PENC-D-RETIREMENT ANNUITY LIMIT

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that for a person who first becomes a member or participant in any retirement system or pension fund under the Code on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the total amount of the retirement annuity or pension benefits he or

she may receive in any year shall not exceed \$132,900; however, that amount shall annually thereafter be increased by the percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments. Applies to all pensions including IMF. Not referred to a committee

HB 3859 PenCD Retirement Annuity Limit

Exact same bill as HB 3854 with a cap. It ties to the CPI and not a 3% increase. It is in rules committee.

HB3857 LOCAL GOV BANKRUPTCY NEUT EVAL

Creates the Local Government Bankruptcy Neutral Evaluation Act. Makes legislative findings. Defines terms. Authorizes a local public entity to initiate a neutral evaluation process if that entity is unable to meet its financial obligations. Provides for the selection and qualification of an evaluator, the evaluation process, cessation of an evaluation, declaration of a fiscal emergency, and definition of liabilities. Provides that records prepared for or used in connection with the Local Government Bankruptcy Neutral Evaluation Act are exempt from disclosure. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body may hold closed meetings related to the Local Government Bankruptcy Neutral Evaluation Act. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes conforming changes. Referred to rules committee.

Missouri parental control act.

Parents decide what goes into the Library's collection. Librarians could go to jail. The bill has been introduced but there is national condemnation and will most likely not go through.

HB 3860 PEN CD-ANNUAL INCREASES

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the retirement annuity or supplemental annuity for a participant, member, or annuitant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code shall be subject to annual increases equal to the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1. Provides that the changes apply without regard to whether the participant is in active service on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Referred to Rules Committee.

HB 3924 PROP TX-COMMUNITY SERVICE

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that a taxing district may establish a program to allow persons who will turn 60 years of age or older during the taxable year to volunteer to provide services within that taxing district in exchange for a reduction in the property tax liability of the primary residence of that person. Sets forth limitations on the amount of the reduction. Referred to Rules Committee.

ILA Letter to Daily Herald

Letter was sent to Daily Herald. Not printed but glad we made a statement.

HB 4328 LIBRARY-TRUSTEE QUALIFICATIONS

Amends the Illinois Local Library Act. Provides that a person is not eligible to be elected or serve as a library trustee: unless he or she is a qualified elector of the local jurisdiction and has resided in it for at least one year at the time he or she files nomination papers or a declaration of intent to become a write-in candidate or is presented for appointment; and if he or she is in arrears in the payment of property tax due to the library or has been convicted in any court in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. Excludes: (1) nominees or trustees of the Chicago Public Library; or (2) a library trustee currently serving on the effective date of the amendatory Act until the library trustee files nomination papers or a declaration of intent to become a write-in candidate or is presented for reappointment. Amends the Public Library District Act of 1991. Prevents persons from becoming a trustee (rather than only serving as a trustee) under specified circumstances, including unless he or she has continuously resided (rather than just resided) in the library district at least one year preceding the day (rather than at the time) he or she executes a statement of candidacy (rather than files nomination papers). Makes other changes. Filed with Clerk.

SB 2339 PTELL-REFERENDUM

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that a taxing district shall reduce its aggregate extension base for the purpose of lowering its limiting rate for future years upon referendum approval initiated by the submission of a petition by the voters of the district. Referred to assignments. Allows voters to reduce taxes through binding referendum when they think that entities are being taxed to high.

Greg McCormick's Report

Secretary of State still hopeful to establish a budget with the highest priority limit for libraries that was requested from ILA.

Stevenson High school

Stevenson High school is planning a 50 Million renovation. Some concern that they have so much money put aside in special reserves.

Lou Ann Jacobs

School Librarians help to raise the profile of media literacy and the importance of school librarians in general.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 51 p.m.

Submitted by, Karolyn Nance