

Illinois Library Association
Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2019

Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

Dennis Danowski (Chair), Sam Adams-Lanham, Anthony Auston, Monica Dombrowski, Betsy Mahoney, Daniel Matthews, Karolyn Nance, Kathy Parker, Dee Anna Phares, and Scott Pointon,

Voting Members Absent:

Marian Albers and Mike Starasta

Ex Officio Members Present:

Molly Beestrup, Derek Blaida, Veronica De Fazio, Jim Deiters, Diane Foote, Cynthia Fuerst, Lou Ann Jacobs, Greg McCormick, Paul Mills, Ellen Popit, and Alex Todd

Ex Officio Members Absent:

Dee Brennan and Kristine Hammerstrand

Introduction of Guests

Approval of the Agenda

Kathy Parker made a motion to approved the September 9, 2019 Agenda. Monica Dombrowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Scott Pointon made a motion to approved the minutes from the June 3, 2019 PPC Meeting. Karolyn Nance seconded the motion. There was one correction. Ellen Popit has one p in it versus 2 p's. The motion was unanimously approved. Kathy Parker abstained.

Scott Pointon made a motion to approved the minutes from the July 23, 2019 PPC Meeting. Marian Albers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Legislative Priorities Reports

A. ILA Legislative Consultant: Derek Blaida

1. Pensions

The Mayor of Chicago is proposing a pension consolidation plan. This will not impact IMRF. IMRF is a gold star for state pension funds.

2. \$45 Billion Capital Construction Bill

This bill was introduced in late May and early June of this past year. But no action has been taken as of yet. There are still issues with casino expansion, the cannabis bill, and revenue problems with the motor fuel tax. Governor will have to announce rules, qualifications, \$ Cap, and timeline. We will know more by the end of the year. State construction should be ok, roughly \$50 Million set aside for libraries. Bill does need cleaning up.

HB2124 Open Meeting Act “Personnel” Exemption Expanded

Proposing amendments to the Open Meetings Act became effective on 9/7/19. Legislation amends the OMA to allow a public body to go into closed session to discuss the hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and complaints against specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting and specific volunteers under the “personnel” exemption under the OMA. Libraries are considered educational entities.

Illinois Adopts Single Occupancy Restroom Law

Effective January 1, 2020, all single-occupancy restrooms in any “place of public accommodations” and any “public building” must be identified as all-gender and marked with exterior signage that does not indicate any specific gender.

Legislative Meet Ups

The Illinois Primary is scheduled for March 17, 2020. Groups of local government officials volunteer to provide bus rides to campaign on this date. Legislative calendar has not been set yet, so this may impact the legislative meet ups.

Pubic Act (101-0099) HB 2993

On July 19, 2019, the governor signed into law HB 2993 making it more difficult for Illinois Library Districts to annex property that is unserved by tax-supported public library service. The main change is that voter approval is mandatory. Now, following the adoption of an ordinance annexing property, the District Board must submit the question of annexation in referendum format and the majority of voters must approve the annexation.

Merger of Tax Supported Public Libraries into Library Districts

ILA Advocacy Committee Chair

Jim and Alex reported that they will be focusing on the Strategic Plan. They are also in the process of planning the 2019-2020 Legislative Meet-Ups and other advocacy events.

They would like to establish better communication with other area agencies. They are soliciting examples of positive partnerships.

The 2022 Summer Reading theme is all about camping. There are some ideas floating about partnering with all different types of camps.

They would like to continue to work on the advocacy webpage. White papers can be created to be positioned to help future committees. There are a couple of resources currently available on the advocacy page. They would also like to add agendas and minutes of advocacy content for the ILA website. Maybe advance PPC forward next year.

ILA Report/Federal Happenings

Census

-Ask about libraries and the Census: It is time now for us to let all these other groups know what they can tell their communities about libraries. CAN I say that people without library cards can fill out the Census there? (yes) CAN I say library computers are secure? (not necessarily)

-Specific question from Campus Compact, which will be working with IACRL on a webinar: Is there a map that identifies unserved areas in IL (do RAILS, IHLS, ISL know/have)? (Alex will send it to me)

-Discuss the Notice of Funding Opportunity and RAILS's application

\$20,000,000; 12 awards. It's via the Illinois Department of Human Services. COMPLEMENTS what the Secretary of State/Complete Count Commission is doing.

census.illinois.gov has the lists of potential regional recipients and subrecipients. RAILS is applying in the "Collar Counties" region. It is the only library related regional recipient so far. Already several library subrecipients in the "Collar Counties" region, one in "North Central," a few in "Southeast Central." There ARE pre-eligibility requirements that must be met by all subrecipients. 9/13/19 is the deadline for regional recipient, not subrecipients. Unclear if the deadlines for subrecipients are to be set by regional intermediaries.

Library Funding: ALACOUN post from Kevin Maher in ALA's Washington Office regarding federal budget and appropriations process. Basically, the House appropriations committee approved increases to IMLS/LSTA and Innovative Approaches to Literacy; now it's in the Senate.

Digital Content Working Group

Libraries are facing a number of specific issues related under a "digital content" umbrella, with two main areas: privacy, and access. Regarding privacy, Zoobean & Alexa, LinkedIn Learning, Hoopla "can't clear checkout history" according to Brian; regarding access, Macmillan etc.

Various ways to get at this; 501(c)3s can't boycott; Ohio Library Council is a 501(c)4. ILA Best Practices Committee working on a "white paper"/*ILA Reporter* article on best practices around self-hold pickups, to complement a legislative approach now being spearheaded by the ISL.

ALA has reconvened its Digital Content Working Group, which will meet at Midwinter

<http://www.readersfirst.org/news/2019/6/26/ala-council-passes-a-resolution-on-digital-content-action>

ALA has created a template for people to use to write to Macmillan; do we think library patrons would be motivated to do this? Doesn't look like we've shared it yet in e-news.

ILA has made two statements, one regarding Macmillan and the other regarding LinkedIn Learning, but they don't really have any "teeth."

White paper/research needed? Be careful about ILA bandwidth; this really is a national issue and I would rather leave it to ALA (we don't need 50 white papers), although there's concern about timeliness.

John Shimkus not going to run for re-election to Congress. While ILA cannot endorse or un-endorse individual political candidates (we can lobby for LEGISLATION), we should be aware of our elected officials. 15th district, his staff member Mike Hall always comes to the Southern Illinois meetup and is engaged and aware of library issues--very proud to have voted for the MLSA of 2018. Concerned about rural broadband. Has served since 1997.

ILA Update

- Annual Conference
- New Code of Conduct
- iREAD Department of Defense contract, launch of 2020
- Partnership with Ounce of Prevention
- Call for nominees
- "More Speech" event coming up on October 1 with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, will also be streamed; ILA Executive Board member Diana Brawley Sussman will be one of the speakers.
- Processes: Ways to submit suggestions for PPC? Add a "Contact Us" button; post minutes and agendas?

Library Systems

Ellen just returned from the rural and small library conference.

AISLE, Lou Ann Jacobs

AISLE is getting ready for its joint conference with IATE in Springfield, 10/10-12/2019. The Media Literacy bill stalled in the Senate but passed the House.

Illinois State Library

State Library Complete Count Commission is another packet of information that we can make available to our patrons. Gail Borden received a grant from the State Library for their census campaign. There is a capital bill awarding \$50 million for the Public Library Construction act. It has not been released. There are issues with finalizing requests. Senate Bill 585 regarding patron hold services has some questions that need to be worked out. Is truncating a patrons last name feasible? What exactly is ok to do and what is not ok to do? Chicago has changed their system. We do not want this service stopped or curtailed. This could possibly come up in a veto session.

CARLI

No report.

Intellectual Freedom Committee

No report.

Unfinished and Old Business

What is PPC will be presented at the 2019 conference.

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Submitted by,

Karolyn Nance