

## Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes 4.1.2024

### Voting Members

x	Adamowski, Betsy <i>Wheaton Public Library</i>	x	Graziani, Gail (Co-Chair) <i>Indian Prairie Public Library</i>
x	Adams-Lanham, Sam <i>Barrington Area Public Library</i>	x	Houchens, Chris <i>Charleston Carnegie Public Library</i>
	Bertucci, Joanna <i>Park Ridge Public Library</i>	x	Kirk, Laura <i>Churchill Elementary School Library</i>
x	Danowski, Dennis <i>Macomb Public Library</i>	x	McKay, Amanda (Co-Chair) <i>Effingham Public Library</i>
x	Dombrowski, Monica <i>Winnetka-Northfield Public Library</i>	x	Murray, Sara <i>Algonquin Area Public Library</i>
x	Donohue, Nanette <i>Champaign Public Library</i>	x	Prendergast, Tim <i>Hodgkins Public Library</i>

### Ex Officio Members

x	Byers, Amy <i>ILA VP/President Elect</i>	x	Robinson, Cyndi <i>ILA Executive Director</i>
x	Jagman, Heather <i>ILA Immediate Past President</i>	x	Todd, Alex <i>ILA Board Liaison</i>
x	Johnson, Ryan <i>ILA President</i>	x	Waltermire, Kyla <i>ILA Public Policy Committee Chair</i>
	McCormick, Greg <i>Illinois State Library Executive Director</i>		

Guests: Derek Blaida, *ILA Legislative Consultant*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Betsy called the roll-call.
2. Approval of Agenda: April 1, 2024 - Agenda was approved with no changes or additions.
3. Approval of Minutes: [March 4, 2024](#) - Minutes were approved with a consensus vote.
4. Updates
  - a. ILA Public Policy Committee (Kyla Waltermire, PPC Chair)  
Kyla reported that PPC had a short meeting this morning. The long list of bills that are out in session will decrease in the next few weeks. She also reported that the data report for the Public Posting in Local Newspapers survey was shared with PPC this morning. The PPC Committee will review the data report at the May PPC meeting.
  - a. ILA Executive Board (Ryan Johnson, ILA President)  
Amy Byers reported on behalf of Ryan and shared that the ILA Executive Board election is open and all should vote. She also reported that Sara Murray will take over as Advocacy Chair and she (Amy) is still working to fill committee seats.
  - b. Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick, ISL Director) No Report
  - c. Legislative Update (Derek Blaida)  
Derek reported that the legislators will be working on the many bills that are in session and that the number will decrease in the next few weeks. Derek also gave a review and update on the federal E-Resources Bill. In sum, he stated at this time he believes the bill will pass the committee but that there will be push-back from the publishing companies if the bill passes. Derek also asked the committee to sign the Witness Slip Support for

amending the acquisition of treasurer bonds for libraries. This is HB 4224. ILA has sent out an email to the membership with information on this, just this morning.

2. Recap of Recent Programs / Upcoming Programs (Nanette, Joanna, Tim)  
Nanette reported that she has wrapped up her RSA training for the year. Tim reported that he has submissions at various conferences for advocacy training, including RF North, Aisle, ILA.
1. Subcommittee Updates
  - a. Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules: Tim, Nanette, Monica, Sam, Joanna
    - a. Legislative Meet-ups: Betsy, Laura, Chris No Report
    - b. Webpage Update / Other Advocacy Tools: Chris, Monica, Sam, Gail  
This sub-committee will meet after the Advocacy meeting on 4/1 for a short Zoom meeting.
    - c. Conference Programs and Ongoing Advocacy Training: Nanette, Tim  
This topic was discussed already.
    - d. ILA Reporter Article: Laura, Joanna  
Laura reported that she is working on getting an article with advocacy members from AISLE and she is working to do an article on SLATE (School Library Advocacy Through Education)
  2. Old Business
    - a. More Than a Building – Cyndi reported that this project is going well.
    2. New Business – Cyndi reported that she has been reaching out to all legislators asking them to continue to support IL libraries but also asking them to share their thoughts on the legislative meet-ups.
    3. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM
    4. Minutes taken by Betsy Adamowski