

**Minutes taken by John Kokoris  
August 29, 2022 Meeting**

Voting Members Present

Ryan Livergood – Warren-Newport Public Library District (CHAIR); Melissa Gardner – Palatine Public Library District; John Kokoris – Gail Borden Public Library District; Laura Long – East Moline Public Library; Rebecca Malinowski – Cooperative Computer Services; Jamie Paicely, Flossmoor Public Library; Donna Schaal – Argenta-Oreana Public Library District; Kyla Waltermire – Mississippi Valley District Library

Voting Members Absent

Nikeda Webb – Matteson Public Library

Ex officio Members Present

Catherine Yanikoski – Engineering Systems, Inc.; Derek Blaida – ILA Legislative Consultant; Deirdre Brennan – Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Jeanne Hamilton – Bloomington Public Library, ILA Past President; Nanette Donohue – Champaign Public Library, Advocacy Committee; Cyndi Robinson – ILA Executive Director; Ryan Johnson, O'Fallon Public Library, ILA Vice President/President-Elect; Lou Ann Jacobs – Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE); Greg McCormick – Illinois State Library; Gail Graziani – Lisle Public Library District, Advocacy Committee

Ex officio Members Absent

Matthew Matkowski – Palos Heights Public Library, Intellectual Freedom Committee; Anne Craig – Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI); Heather Jagman – DePaul University, ILA President; Patrick Molloy – Chicago Public Library; Ellen Popit – Illinois Heartland Library System (ILHS)

Guests

Leila Heath, Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Mary Witt – RAILS

Minutes

The meeting began at 1:00pm.

The committee reviewed the agenda; no changes were made.

The committee approved the 2022-08 minutes.

Advocacy Committee Co-Chair Gail Graziani briefly updated the committee on that committee's earlier meeting to assess members' interests for the upcoming year. That committee also heard from Nanette Donohue regarding the Secretary of State candidate questionnaire, discussed further below.

ILA President Heather Jagman reported that there had been no ILA Executive Board meeting since the last PPC meeting.

ILA Executive Director Cyndi Robinson reported on two priorities at the federal level. She had provided the committee with links to [contact members of Congress in support of library construction funding](#) and to [urge members of Congress to support a crucial school library bill](#).

ILA Legislative Consultant Derek Blaida reported that there has not been much activity at the state capitol, which he expects to remain quiet until after the November election. Quiet in Springfield, will continue to be so until November. A short veto session is expected, with more activity to come in January.

*Old business:*

PPC Chair Ryan Livergood shared a proposed Secretary of State candidate questionnaire which was drafted by himself, PPC voting member John Kokoris, Advocacy Committee members Nanette Donohue and Qiana Johnson, and Cyndi Robinson.

Voting member Laura Long discussed challenges facing city libraries and potential legislation that could address these problems. One proposal would allow the State Librarian to fill vacant seats on the board of a city library if the mayor of that city took too long to do so. (This would mirror a recent change to the law governing library districts.) Discussion ensued concerning unintended consequences of such a change, as well as political objections to such a change coming from mayors and from home rule cities. The second proposal would clarify when a city council action would be required to approve a mayor's appointment or removal of library trustees; currently the law is unclear. A change requiring council approval for all such actions would introduce a check on a mayor's ability to unilaterally affect a library. RAILS Executive Director Deirdre Brennan said a RAILS networking group of city library representatives is now meeting, and it will continue to discuss these and other issues. ILA Past President Jeanne Hamilton suggested Illinois State Library Director Greg McCormick could attend that group's next meeting.

Ryan Livergood then discussed the ranked choice voting results for proposed ILA legislative priorities for next year. Voting member Rebecca Malinowski assigned points based on rankings. The top scorers were;

1. Statewide access to online resources.
2. Amending the local records act to streamline the disposal process.
3. General fund flexibility

Open Meetings Act training and remote meeting changes received lower scores. It was decided the committee would bring these results to the ILA Executive Board. Informally, it was decided the group might focus on the top three proposals.

*New business:*

Ex officio member Lou Ann Jacobs discussed schools' interest in statewide access to online resources, mentioning the state's media literacy law. Ryan Livergood discussed Birth to 5 Illinois, a statewide early childhood education organization, as a potential ally.

Laura Long asked if the general fund flexibility issue was ready for the additional scrutiny ILA action might bring it. Other members discussed other legislative issues. Ryan Livergood reminded the group that some issues take years of ILA action before the state legislature takes action.

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers

October 3, 2022	Laura Long
November 7, 2022	Rebecca Malinowski
December 5, 2022	Jamie Paicely
January 9, 20223	Donna Schaal
February 6, 2023	Kyla Waltermire
March 6, 2023	Nikeda Webb
April 3, 2023	Catherine Yanikoski
May 1, 2023	Member to be appointed
June 5, 2023	Member to be appointed