

ILA Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (1/10/2022 Meeting)

Chair Sam Adams-Lanham called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Notetaker Melissa Gardner conducted the Roll Call

Voting Members Present: Sam Adams-Lanham, Barrington Area Library; Brian Chase, Normal Public Library; Monica Dombrowski, Winnetka Northfield Public Library District; Melissa Gardner, Palatine Public Library District; Ryan Livergood, Warren-Newport Public Library District; Daniel Matthews, Moraine Valley Community College Library; Dee Anna Phares, Northern Illinois University; Donna Schaal, Argenta-Oreana Public Library District; Nikeda Webb, Matteson Public Library; Catherine Yanikoski, Engineering Systems, Inc

Members Absent: Rebecca Malinowski, Cooperative Computer Services; Kyla Waltermire, Mississippi Valley District Library

Ex Oficio Members Present: Derek Blaida, ILA Legislative Consultant; Elizabeth Clarage, Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI); Veronica De Fazio, Plainfield Public Library District, ILA Past President; Diane Foote, ILA Executive Director; Jeanne Hamilton, Bloomington Public Library, ILA President; Heather Jagman, DePaul University, ILA President-Elect; Lou Ann Jacobs, Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE); Greg McCormick, Illinois State Library; Patrick Molloy, Chicago Public Library; Ellen Popit, Illinois Heartland Library System (ILHS); Magan Szwarek, Schaumburg Township District Library, ILA Advocacy Committee

Ex Oficio Members Absent: Betsy Mahoney/Suzanne Arist, Intellectual Freedom Committee; Deirdre Brennan, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, Advocacy Committee

Guests: Dennis Danowski, Macomb Public Library; Tina Hubert, Six Mile Regional Library; Mary Witt, RAILS; Monica Harris, RAILS; Leila Heath, RAILS; Cyndi Robinson, ILA; Aaron Skog, SWAN Library Services

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Report from Advocacy Committee (Magan Szwarek)

- Legislative Meet Ups- Registration is open. Numbers seem to be coming along well. If you have not registered please sign up for one. Contracted with Marci Merola to craft the legislative priority messages, if you have examples to share please let Diane know.
- Bigger than a Building-Working on ILA presentation for this campaign.

State Updates (Diane Foote and Derek Blaida)

Last week was the first week of the legislative session. Voted to meet remotely. Very few bills have been introduced this year, have not found one to include OMA training in.

- Pending legislation
 - 4130 Property Tax Recapture-We are changing the law we passed last year allowing local government to make up (actively oppose)
 - 2635 -Change to allow retired correctional officers to carry firearms after retirement. (allow others to oppose)
 - 5(support) -No unfunded mandates.
 - 436, 578, 2436, 2836(oppose)-lowers property taxes that we would receive
 - 4282(support)-Deals with internet speed. Makes every telecom provider that serves more than 10,000 people to provide basic internet protection speed, 1GB of speed to all customers. Ask the law to make it symmetrical both upload and download speeds and ensure that libraries are included.

Federal (and Other States) Updates (Diane Foote)

- We do not have a federal budget yet and the ALA's Build Americans Libraries Act is not included in the proposal.

Report from ILA Exec Board (Jeanne Hamilton)

Have not met since last meeting.

Report from Broadband and eBook Teams (Troy Brown and Ryan Livergood)

- Broadband- We are not seeking a law on this yet, because that would be an unfunded mandate. We have been in touch with the Office of Broadband. The subgroup put together notes to create a one pager. If you have concrete examples of how this would impact communities please share with the group. It would be great if we had a handful of examples.
- eBooks-We are being encouraged to continue to fight for this even when there are lawsuits.

New Business

Association of Illinois School Library Educators (Lou Ann Jacobs)

Member of ISBE joined Association of Illinois School Library Educations to discuss the need for Library Media specialists.

ILA Legislative Priorities Update (Diane Foote)

- All this year's federal priorities are carryovers from last year with a few minor updates. They are currently posted on the ILA website's Federal Legislative Issues page (<https://www.ila.org/advocacy/legislative-issues/federal-legislative-issues>).

Next meeting – February 7 2022 (Dee Anna Phares, Notes)

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Chair Sam Adams-Lanham Adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm.