



Illinois Library Association

ILA Committee and Forum Reports

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will meet on the following dates in 2019-20: 11/21/19, 1/30/20, 4/30/20, and 6/11/20. Reports should be submitted **two weeks before each board meeting** to the board and staff liaison (liaisons are listed on rosters at <http://www.ila.org/about/committees> or <http://www.ila.org/forums>) and the ILA office (email: dfoote@ila.org).

Committee or Forum: **ILA Reporter Advisory Committee**

Report completed by: **Eric Edwards**

Date: **November 5, 2019**

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Three new members joined the Committee for 2019-2020. They are Alissa Henkel, Decatur Public Library; Tana Petrov, New Lenox Public Library District; and Kimberly Tipton, McHenry County College Library. The new members' terms last through June 30, 2021. Continuing on the Committee are 2019-2020 Chair Eric Edwards, Illinois State Library; Sarah McHone-Chase, Northern Illinois University; and Rachel Shulman, Vernon Area Public Library District. Their terms all expire on June 30, 2020. The Advisory Committee met at the ILA Orientation Session in East Peoria on July 24. Through discussions with ILA Executive Director Diane Foote, the Committee came to an understanding that, beginning in calendar year 2020, ILA will publish the Reporter on a quarterly, instead of a bimonthly, basis, with issues coming out in March, June, September, and December. (At the ILA Annual Conference, the general membership voted on modifying the organization's Bylaws to reflect the new publication schedule.) Committee Chair Eric Edwards and ILA Executive Board Liaison Diana Brawley Sussman worked with Diane Foote to update the submission guidelines, to emphasize the need for articles to include viewpoints from as broad a range of Illinois libraries as possible. The Committee is also encouraging volunteers to write for the new ILA blog, ILA Connector.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Final preparations for the December 2019 issue continue. Highlights of the issue will include the ILA awards showcase and the ILA Annual Conference recap. Depending on space, the issue may also include at least one article by Rachel Shulman, on either leadership or advocacy. (If necessary, one, or both, of her articles will appear in the March 2020 issue, instead.) The remaining issue assignments for FY 2020 are as follows: March 2020, Alissa Henkel and Sarah McHone-Chase; and June 2020, Tana Petrov and Kimberly Tipton.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

The goals of the above projects are to ensure that the ILA Reporter contains viewpoints from a broad range of Illinois libraries in each issue, and to adhere to the new production schedule, starting in calendar year 2020.

Anticipated timeline(s) and completion date(s) for each project:

The submission deadlines for the remaining FY 2020 issues are January 20, for the March issue, and April 20, for the June issue.

Activities should be designed to advance the ILA Strategic Plan. Which strategic goal areas are best addressed by the activities above? Check all that apply and describe briefly how the activities will advance the goal(s). View the full plan at <http://www.ila.org/about/strategic-plan>.

- Goal area: Advocacy—Legislative Advocacy
- Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy
- Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession
- Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association
- Goal area: Delivery of Member Value
- Goal area: Leadership

The Advisory Committee is working to ensure that articles contain viewpoints from a broader

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Executive Board (**please discuss with your board or staff liaison first. Board liaisons can help with strategic, programmatic, policy-related and content-related questions; staff liaisons can help with procedural or business-related questions**):

None at this time

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