

ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

March 6, 2023

Minutes taken by Catherine Yanikoski

Call to order at 1:01 PM

Voting members present: Ryan Livergood, Melissa Gardner, John Kokoris, Laura Long, Jamie Paicely, Donna Schall, Kyla Waltermire, Nikeda Webb (arrived at 1:05 PM), Catherine Yanikoski. Voting member absent: Rebecca Malinowski

Ex officio members present: Matthew Matkowski, Derek Blaida, Monica Harris, Anne Craig, Jeanne Hamilton, Nanette Donohue, Cyndi Robinson, Heather Jagman, Ryan Johnson, Lou Ann Jacobs, Greg McCormick, Ellen Popit and Gail Graziani. Ex officio member absent: Patrick Molloy.

Guests included Tom Stagg (Alpha Park Public Library), Mary Witt (RAILS) and Tina Hubert (Six Mile Regional Library District).

No comments on the agenda or the minutes.

Advocacy Committee: Recapped successful programs *Get Ready to Advocate* and *Library 101 for Legislators*, and discussed future opportunities. Have been approached for a potential partnership on an ALA Annual presentation for *Ready Set Advocate*. Conference programming is going smoothly with presentations scheduled for Illinois Youth Services Institute, Reaching Forward and Reaching Forward South. ILA Conference planning is in the works, and discussions on bringing back the Legislative Panel are progressing.

ILA Executive Board update: Heather Jagman reported that next meeting is 3/9 and a report will be provided thereafter.

Federal Update (ILA) - Cyndi Robinson reported that Fly In Day is scheduled on 3/9/2023 with Lynn Stainbrook and Veronda Pitchford representing Illinois. ALA updates are anticipated and will be provided to the committee as they arrive.

State Update (Derek) - There are 2,000 bills in committee this week, the vast majority of which will fall off by the end of the week unless Committee Consideration deadlines are extended (none have been offered yet).

FOIA/OMA Open Meetings Act proposals: The Child Care Issues proposal that would permit remote attendance has passed out of Committee, but thus far, no other FOIA/OMA related bills have. The COVID related Disaster Proclamation expires on May 11th, and it is extremely unlikely that an OMA bill will be passed with enough time to be implemented prior. The General Assembly will be working on this issue after the Disaster Proclamation ends.

First Amendment proposals: none have moved. Derek expressed gratitude to The Secretary of State and Greg McCormick for their time spent on book banning proposals.

Budget: there are many unfunded mandates hiding in plain sight in the tracking document. Many will not pass. We should not be concerned at this time.

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Book Ban proposal: Scheduled to be discussed by the State Government Committee 3/8/2023. It is likely to be passed out of Committee with an Amendment to be filed thereafter.

Lou Ann asked about **HB1481** and **HB1107**, based on discussions that had recently come up in AISLE. Derek responded that 1481 will not get a Committee vote and, as concerns have been brought up with regards to HB1107, it isn't clear whether it will be called. We will be notified if it is.

Ryan inquired as to whether a special meeting would need to be called for rapid response. It is not.

Derek briefed the committee on how witness slips work, whereby anyone can look at an idea pending in Springfield and present their support/opposition for the bill. They become part of the public comment, but are not able to vote.

Old business:

No updates on this time for the City library initiative. Laura will let us know as things arise. This will be removed from the Old Business agenda going forward.

Lou Ann reported that the AISLE Board met on 2/25/23. Mary Joe Matusek is temporarily taking the helm on running meetings. Bills were discussed, as were forthcoming workshops for AISLE members.

New business - None

Final Comments: We will look forward to seeing the updated bill list at our April Meeting.

Adjournment at 1:29 PM.