

November 7, 2022

Minutes taken by Rebecca Malinowski

- Roll Call

**Voting Members**

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 (arrived 1:15)

Donna Schaal – Argenta-Oreana Public Library District

Kyla Waltermire – Mississippi Valley District Library

Nikeda Webb – Matteson Public Library

Catherine Yanikoski – Engineering Systems, Inc.

**Ex Officio Members**

Derek Blaida – ILA Legislative Consultant

Deirdre Brennan – Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)

Elizabeth Clarage for Anne Craig – Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)

Jeanne Hamilton – Bloomington Public Library, ILA Past President

Nanette Donohue – Champaign Public Library, Advocacy Committee

Cyndi Robinson – ILA Executive Director

Heather Jagman – DePaul University, ILA President

Ryan Johnson, O'Fallon Public Library, ILA Vice President/President-Elect

Lou Ann Jacobs – Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE)

Ellen Popit – Illinois Heartland Library System (ILHS)

Gail Graziani – Indian Prairie Public Library, Advocacy Committee

Not Present:

Greg McCormick – Illinois State Library

Patrick Molloy – Chicago Public Library

**Introduction of guests**

Leila Heath - RAILS

Amy Walsh – AISLE

Joe Filapek/RAILS

- Review agenda for changes and additions - No changes reported
- Approve of [October 3 minutes](#) - No changes reported
- Advocacy update– Gail Graziani
  - Recapped Advocacy programs from ILA annual including feedback and ideas for next year. Considering:

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- Train the trainer program for Ready Set Advocate
- Reduce the number of topics covered in workshops in favor of deeper activities
- Legislative meetups - in light of not having a legislative ask, travel/covid restraints, Advocacy is considering new options including pausing, holding virtually, or something different such as training for libraries. The subcommittee and Cyndi will be investigating options.
- Report out from ILA Exec Board—Heather Jagman
  - Board meets November 17, will be virtual. Agenda items include request to support Unite Against Book Bans
  - Cyndi will be meeting with Greg Claus, the Federal Program Officer dedicated to Illinois via the US Dept of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, about broadband as a continuation of previous ILA legislative priority
  - Conference committee has not done a wrap up meeting yet. Survey respondents so far were happy or very happy.
- Federal update
  - ALA sent followup on ask to thank legislators who introduced the Right to Read act. [More information.](#)
  - ALA Public Policy office is currently without a director resulting in slower updates
  - Ryan Livergood asked for an update on the letter to the FBI regarding threats to library staff. Cyndi reports no response on our questions yet.
- State update (Derek)
  - Fall Veto session scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after Thanksgiving. Big ticket items such as public safety, reproductive rights, budgetary items will be held until June.
  - Our asks will depend on new Secretary to be elected
  - Fund flexibility - perception is that it's a tax increase bill that may or may not be constitutional. Derek recommends against introducing a bill on this at this time. Ellen Popit asks for clarification-it's illegal to levy for one purpose and spend in another, so the levy amount would have to change in one fund. It would be a tax increase. Additional discussion of the proposal, why some libraries are impacted and some not based on how levies are constructed. Donna suggests contacting Sally Turner as a potential subject matter expert.
- Old business
  - Legislative proposals strategy: Wait on elections to play out and establish relationships with new Secretary of State. No specific proposals at this time, but advocacy efforts will continue
  - City library update: City library group did not meet last month due to ILA. A survey has been sent to identify common threads and potential advocacy needs. Will meet again in mid-November
  - AISLE update:

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- Louann introduces Amy Walsh, Joliet Township High School, is a new member of AISLE Advocacy Committee.
- AISLE is moving forward with helping get real data on the present staffing of Illinois school libraries. AISLE will be working with [RAILS on the School Library Data Project](#). Our retired librarians group will assist when needed to make personal contacts with the schools. ILA, Heartland, and State Library are all involved with the project.
- There is language in the school funding law that mentions school libraries. At first glance it appears that the funding formula includes library programs. The committee is working on clarification before we meet with ISBE on the school library issue.
- Final comments and adjournment:
  - As Chair, Ryan acknowledges that it is Deirdre Brennan’s last ILA PPC meeting before her retirement. He thanks Deirdre for her presence on this committee and everything she’s done for Illinois libraries.
  - Adjourn at 1:30 PM

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers

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| 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 |

All meetings are at 1 PM. In-person meeting locations will rotate; all meetings will also be accessible through Zoom. If you cannot take minutes on your assigned date, please trade with another PPC voting member.