Date: September 9, 2019

Agenda:

Voting Members Present:

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___ Danowski, Dennis (Chair)  
Macomb Public Library District

___ Adams-Lanham, Sam  
Barrington Area Library

___ Albers, Marian V.  
Mascoutah Public Library

___ Auston, Anthony  
Wilmette Public Library

___ Dombrowski, Monica  
Sycamore Public Library

___ Mahoney, Betsy  
Six Mile Regional Library District

Ex Officio Members:

___ Beestrum, Molly (ILA EB Liaison)  
Galter Health Sciences Library, NU

___ Blaida, Derek  
Legislative consultant

___ Brennan, Deirdre  
RAILS

___ De Fazio, Veronica  
Plainfield Public Library District

___ Deiters, Jim  
Oak Lawn Public Library

___ Foote, Diane  
Illinois Library Association

___ Fuerst, Cynthia  
Vernon Area Public Library District

___ Matthews, Daniel  
Moraine Valley Community College

___ Nance, Karolyn  
Bartlett Public Library District

___ Parker, Kathy  
kathyparker consulting

___ Phares, Dee Anna  
Northern Illinois University Libraries

___ Pointon, Scott  
White Oak Library District

___ Starasta, Mike  
Mount Hope-Funks Grove Twps PLD

___ Hammerstrand, Kristine  
CARLI

___ Jacobs, Lou Ann  
AISLE

___ McCormick, Greg  
Illinois State Library

___ Mills, Paul  
Fountaindale Public Library District

___ Popit, Ellen  
Illinois Heartland Library System

___ Alexander C. Todd  
Prospect Heights Public Library District
ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Introduction of Guests

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes
Public Comments

Legislative Priorities Reports
a. ILA Legislative Consultant, Derek Blaida
   i. Update on PPC’s legislative agenda: Derek will send updated PDF on status of bills in the legislature that Governor has signed. [Question: How relate to list on website?] Pensions: Idea of pension consolidation. You cannot cut benefits to people currently in the system. What's being currently talked about by the Mayor is investments. Pooling investments results in a reduction of fees. Proposal is downstate fire and police funds. Would not in any way affect anyone's annuity return, not a cut in benefits. He got a few emails [from us?]. IMRF: CF: As an employer I care because I will have to make up the difference. IMRF is gold standard of state pension funds. IMRF will not be affected by this consolidation proposal, 1) because of its health; 2) because of its contributions that members make to it and to social security. IMRF will not be included in this consolidation. Some groups may want IMRF to be included so it would help lift up the others. SP: Who would be in charge if the pension boards are consolidated. The Governor has a task force that he assumes will contain recommendations. Some units of local government opposed, because they want local control. DB: Even if we missed the investment return benchmark, we will save because of the reduced fees and loads.

Capital: Passed the $45 billion capital bill in early June. Some of the revenue sources haven’t produced results expected: Casino, there will be issues with cannabis bill scheduled to come online 1/1/20. Issues with motor fuel, etc. Capital bill is a six-year program. In theory there are still projects from the 2009 bill not done. Governor's office has already done a bond fund to pay for capital projects this fall. DB thinks it won't happen this quickly. "Things" could come to fruition in the next calendar year. Things could be announcements or small projects that could be funded without a bond. Remember "Fair Tax" coming up for vote in November 2020. Large projects will likely have political considerations. Libraries named will likely get those, no schedule. Much different from the larger pots of money, which sooner or later the Governor's office and the departments will have to issue rules for how to apply for these. Just because there is money in the Capital bill for us, doesn't mean there is a timeline. Once we know the process, we'll put out via DD & DF/ILA. DB: If a library is named in the BUDGET the library should receive documents for how to access-HB2124

Surplus: Derek will draft amendment legislation.

Single occupancy restroom law

As we think about the legislative meet-ups later, there will be Presidential election. Illinois' primary is 3/17/20. Neighboring states primaries are earlier; some legislators will organize field trips into neighboring states.
b. ILA Advocacy Committee Chair, Jim Deiters/Alex Todd
   Draft plan in place; KMF has developed a draft plan. Meetups is a huge part of what advocacy does, three programs at ILA AC, (Leg panel, boot camp, election tool kit). AT: Better relationships with state agencies; CF & AT program was accepted at the Park District conference in January. Parks have already been having programming on park/library cooperation. Build better relationships at the grass roots. DF: Second step is encouraging our members to reach out to their local park people to attend and report back. Concept of position papers -- see on the IL Assoc of Park Districts site.

c. ILA Report/Federal Priorities, Diane Foote/Molly Beestrum

d. Library Systems, Dee Brennan/Ellen Popit: Attended ARSL

e. AISLE, Lou Ann Jacobs

f. Illinois State Library, Greg McCormick
   1) Complete Count Commission, Joe Natale @ State Library, another packet of info for libraries coming out about the census. Info that public libraries can share with patrons. Grant money through the SoS is being released.
   2) Capital bill of interest to the State Library as well. Right now none of the $50 million has been released to the State Library. Premature to make any announcement. With the 2009 bill, it wasn't until 2013 until the allocations were made.
   3) Patron Privacy & self-holds. SB 585 filed last spring, great concerns about that language. State Library has looked at what's been enacted in other states. Nothing he's seen has been very specific on this particular topic. ILA Reporter 2012 about making sure patrons' names were modified sufficiently. CPL has modified their practice. Could come up in the veto session? Agenda not set yet.

g. CARLI, Kristine Hammerstrand No report

   Social Media: Are We Free program at ILA AC. With Julie Tappendorf and Kristin Pekoll.

Old Business

New Business
   Public comments: Libraries need to have a policy regarding public comments. Dennis has received a couple of emails re: ILA. Frustration with our efforts, no communication about pending legislation.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday October 7, 2019