

ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

April 3, 2023

Minutes taken by Catherine Yanikoski

Call to order at 1:01 PM

Voting members present: Ryan Livergood, John Kokoris, Rebecca Malinowski, Jamie Paicely, Donna Schaal, Kyla Waltermire, Catherine Yanikoski. Voting members absent: Melissa Gardner, Laura Long and Nikeda Webb

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

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

No comments on the agenda.

Catherine Yanikoski is taking minutes for Nikeda Webb. March minutes should be updated to reflect they were authored by Catherine Yanikoski.

**Advocacy Committee:** Nanette Donohue reports that the Advocacy Committee met today to talk about conference Reaching Forward and Reaching Forward South conference programming, Ready Set Advocate for AISLE, and ALA Annual Conference proposals for both a Legislator Panel and a frontline adaptation of Ready Set Advocate.

**ILA Executive Board update:** Heather Jagman reports that the ILA Board passed a statement of support for school librarians, the content of which was distributed in the ILA update email. At the March Board meeting, Anne Slaughter presented on Find More Illinois. Also of note was the sunset of the Best Practices Committee, with the expectation that each committee will continue to develop its own best practices. Reaching Forward now has its own committee.

**Federal Update (ILA):** Cyndi Robinson reports that ALA is working on funding opportunities, the specifics of which are listed in ALA updates and via the following links:

- ❖ [ILA's Statement in Support of School Library Programs Staffed by Licensed School Librarians](#)
- ❖ [#FundLibraries: FY24 Dear Appropriator Letters](#)

**State update (Derek):** They are halfway through the Legislative process, with House Bills in Senate and Senate Bills in House. 27 bills are moving through the voting phase, a modest amount compared to previous years. [Latest Bill List](#) was reviewed with the PPC committee, with the following clarifications:

**SB1769:** Originally proposed to be implemented by 2025, now changed to 2045; were it to pass, it is not expected that all commercial vehicles (including Bookmobiles) could be compliant with zero emissions

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**SB2419:** License to Read Act addresses ebook legislation, most specifically granting permission to the Secretary of State (SoS) to negotiate on behalf of libraries. It also allows the SoS to develop a statewide program for eBooks (allowed even without a bill), none of which are mandates. Additionally establishes a fund in the State Treasury for joint purchasing for libraries buying into state negotiated subscription/product. This bill is not intended to handle statewide databases (this is handled in **HB4016**). The Internet Archive's lawsuit results do not impact this bill.

**HB 2789:** Passed through the House into Senate, led by Sen. Murphy. ILS is handling internal questions from both sides of the aisle. Administrative rules would need to be developed for each individual grant program by ISL. The passing of HB2789 would not impact system membership.

Lou Ann Jacobs reports that educational associations are not specifically focusing on HB2789, but that School Board Associations require policies for the effective handling of material complaints. Kyla Waltermire reports that IHLS Directors List Serv directors are reporting concerns as to potential defunding, should each library Board choose to deny the adoption of a policy. Lou Ann reports that AISLE librarians have concerns as well, as funds from state grants to school districts are (at times) the full extent of a book budget.

Ellen Popit was called by Library Journal, as was Cynd Robinsoni, with relation to HB 2789. The Secretary of State and Cyndi were interviewed.

**SB 2243:** Its report is coming due, with its deadline extended to be submitted to the Legislature. Derek reports that a previously authorized report listing assigned appointments is yet to be completed. Lou Ann mentioned that IEA supports this bill.

**HB3147:** Literary and Justice for All Act essentially provides a road map for how local areas could implement the best core literary curricula to ensure student success. Lou Ann mentioned that IEA opposes this bill.

**Budget:** State Revenue office is reporting rocky shores ahead with a potential revenue slowdown from 7/23-6/24. They are projecting a decrease of \$1.5 billion. Tax cuts are being discussed for the 2024 budget; no one knows whether permanent or single year reductions will be introduced, and this is all in the discussion phase with no official statements.. 45 days until next budget is due.

The Secretary of State's budget is in **HB4016**. Greg McCormick reports that the initial hearing occurred one week ago, and includes a \$5.1 million increase proposed for library resources. 4/19 is the next hearing.

### Old Business:

**AISLE update:** LouAnn reported that information was released to members about the support given to school libraries by ILA and systems. AISLE is considering approaching the new ISBE Superintendent to offer assistance and to provide information for the needs and services of school libraries.

**Final comments:** Local elections are tomorrow! Every library's needs are close at heart during this time.

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Adjournment at 1:51 PM