

Minutes taken by Laura Long

October 3, 2022 Public Policy Committee Meeting

Voting Members Present:

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, Donna Schaal – Argenta-Oreana Public Library District, Kyla Waltermire – Mississippi Valley District Library, Nikeda Webb – Matteson Public Library, Catherine Yanikoski – Engineering Systems, Inc.

Voting Members Absent:

None.

Ex officio Members Present

Derek Blaida – ILA Legislative Consultant, Deidre Brennan – Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS), Jeanne Hamilton – Bloomington Public Library, ILA Past President, Nannette 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), Greg McCormick – Illinois State Library, Ellen Popit – Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS), Gail Graziani – Lisle Public Library District, Advocacy Committee

Ex officio Members Absent

Matthew Matkowski – Palos Heights Public Library, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Anne Craig – Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), Patrick Malloy – Chicago Public Library

Guests

Elizabeth Clarage (CARLI), Joe Filapek (RAILS), Monica Harris (RAILS) Mary Witt (RAILS)

Minutes

The meeting began at 1:00pm

The committee reviewed the agenda; no changes were made.

The committee approved the August 29, 2022 meeting minutes.

Advocacy Committee – Co-Chair Nannette Donohue of the Advocacy Committee gave the report. The committee will be presenting two different programs at ILA Annual Conference. One will be a Legislative Panel, and the second will be a presentation on their “Ready, Set, Advocate” Modules. The committee is also dividing into subcommittees to tackle a variety of topics, including conference programs; revamping Bigger than a Building; and looking at the Statewide Legislative Meetups.

ILA Executive Board Meeting Update – Heather Jagman reported on the meeting from September 22.

The majority of that meeting was spent discussing the PPC Legislative Proposals. There was a good

discussion and they are taking an informal poll that will end Friday to see what the top choices are. They will then take a formal electronic vote to determine what the priorities will be this year. They expect to have an answer to PPC no later than the November 7th meeting, and possibly before.

In new business for the Board, IACRL is proposing an OER grant award and would like the ILA Board's support. This would increase EDI and equitable access to all students. There will be further information to come in future meetings.

Federal Update – Cyndi Robinson reported on the letter that ALA sent to FBI Director Christopher Wray regarding threats of violence to libraries and library workers. A discussion was had about the wording that ALA used to introduce the letter, where they seem to imply that this is not something that is happening through the work of coordinated groups. Kyla Waltermire discussed the situation that occurred at her library, with threats and materials being sent to workers both on the job and to their home address. She felt that this was definitely the work of a coordinated group. Cyndi thought ALA meant there wasn't a single coordinated group nationwide bringing the threats to libraries. ALA would like libraries to report these instances, but it is not clear how that reporting will then be passed to the FBI. Cyndi will talk to ILAs counsel and report back to the group.

Additionally, ALA has a call out for congressional support of LSTA and IAL in the federal budget. ALA also has issued a statement welcoming the newly reinstated President's Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

State Update – Derek Blaida reported on two potential upcoming changes in legislation. The Safe-T Act, which was enacted two years ago, will be undergoing revisions. A timeline and what exactly those changes are is unknown at this time. Derek also discussed Amendment 1, the Workers Rights Amendment, which will go before voters in the November election. If it is approved, there is a lot to be determined still, which will be defined by going through legislation, the judicial process, or amendments. Derek will be forward to the committee explainer documents for both of these issues.

Old Business

Legislative Update – nothing further to add from Heather Jagman's Board Update.

Secretary of State's Candidate Questionnaire – Cyndi Robinson reports that we have heard back from Dan Brady's campaign, but not from the other candidate. They have a deadline of October 7th to respond.

City Library Update – Laura Long reported there is nothing further to report at this time. Monica Harris (RAILS) reported that they are working with Julie Tappendorf on the language questions in the Local Library Act as it pertains to appointment of Library Boards.

New Business

AISLE Update – Lou Ann Jacobs reported on the Bill that requires information literacy be taught in schools. ISBE will be providing links for resources and teaching aids. Much of this information is already included in school curriculum, it will just need to be emphasized. AISLE is working with ISBE on this.

ISBE is currently having their budget hearings for FY23-24. AISLE has put a call out to membership to provide letters of support for increasing funding for school libraries. The AISLE Board will have people at the budget meetings and will also be sending a letter of support.

AISLE is working with other groups in a taskforce charged with changing school code regarding having a school librarian in the building. At this point they are in the date gathering stage.

This weekend AISLE will be recognized at the Illinois Broadcast Association Conference for their work in media and information literacy.

Other

Rebecca Malinowski asked where we are at in terms of the legislative timeline. Ryan Livergood responded that we were right on track.

Adjournment: 1:43 pm

Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers

November 7, 2022	Rebecca Malinowski
December 5, 2022	Jamie Paicely
January 9, 2023	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