

ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

December 4th, 2023 Minutes taken by Anna Karwowska

Call to order at 10:01 AM

Attendance Voting Members Present: Kyla Waltermire, Mike Driskell, Anna Karwowska, John Kokoris, Laura Long, Tana Petrov, Donna Schaal, Aaron Skog, Tom Stagg, and Nikeda Webb.

Voting Members Absent: Jamie Paicely

Ex Officio Members Present: Amy Byers, Gail Graziani, Monica Harris, Lou Ann Jacobs, Heather Jagman, Ryan Johnson, Greg McCormick, Ellen Popit, Cynthia Robinson, Derek Blaida, Elizabeth Clarage sitting in for Anne Craig

Ex Officio Members Absent: Anne Craig, Elizabeth Lynch, Amanda McKay

Guests included: Tina Hubert, Six mile Regional Library District; Catherine Yanikowski, Engineering Systems Inc; Leila Heath, RAILS; Joe Filapek, RAILS; Betsy Adamowski

Review of Agenda: current agenda approved

Approval of Minutes ([2023-10-02](#) and [2023-11-6](#)):

Update misspelling of "annual" in 10/02 minutes

Approved as revised

Updates:

Advocacy Update (Gail Graziani) – not a lot; 11/6 recap of presentations such as AISLE conference and ILA annual. They did Ready, Set, Advocate. They had to reschedule the legislative panel due to legislator availability. More than a Building project.

AISLE update (Lou Ann Jacobs) - one of the agenda items at the last board meeting was to develop a group to look at the school library situation in IL and the lack of licensed school librarians. That was approved and right now the president elect is chairing the committee and gathering people to be on the committee. Sounds very promising. Attended meeting in Normal and got some information to share with folx who will be attending meetups this week. Will try to get one rep present at future meetups.

CARLI update (Elizabeth Clarage sitting in for Anne Craig) – working with the Illinois State Library to support the implementation of the grant program for the \$3M allocated towards open academic resources

ILA Executive Board Update (Heather Jagman, Amy Byers, Cyndi Robinson) – Emily Knox confirmed as IL luminary; DEI reflection on the programs offered at the conference.

Illinois State Library Update (Greg McCormick) – no update today

Intellectual Freedom Update (Elizabeth Lynch) – n/a

System Updates - RAILS (Monica Harris) – Digital Equity plan is expected to appear today.

Communications about “Economics in Libraries” is in the works, looks at how libraries are related to the economy in IL.

System Updates - IHLS (Ellen Popit) - Trustee training portal getting ready for Launch. Drag Queen storytimes discussed in board meeting, and a good experience to deal with

Federal Update (Cynthia Robinson) – nothing library related, we anticipate more action in the new year when we begin work with ALA

State Update (Derek Blaida) – bill list from 11/22 shared with group & will continue to be updated (goal is Dec 15). Legislative meetups - thanks for doing it before the new year & positive feedback. PLAW - no on extension

Old Business

1 day of rest in 7 - is it something the group feels we should look at from a legislative perspective? Unlikely to be changed at this time, decision to monitor it at the moment

Legislative meetups - for first time in person it was really good attendance and overall positive experience.

New Business

Possible OMA (Open Meetings Act) Revisions - since the committees not authorized to meet remotely, this is making it difficult to get participation. A remote meeting bill will be refiled in Jan '24 and can be tracked/supported then. Discussion about increasing participation and interfacing with other board members; the systems are multi-type organizations which include libraries that don't necessarily have a physical building; productivity and convenience impact should be considered.

Published Notices - libraries experiencing delays or disappearance of rural/local papers and costs increasing when using larger newspapers. Discussion on whether to pursue now or not; research and data gathering and seeing what the parks/schools are doing; trustee changes difficult to publish. Derek mentioned that this has been brought up before and hasn't changed because newspapers use this requirement as a source of revenue & because we've always done it this way. Legislature knows it is an issue; we will continue with gathering data. Possibility of survey for gathering paper and organizations name you had to post in, the cost, the trend over time; what percentage of (newspaper) budget is this revenue. **Action items: Send questions for survey to Kyla and she will compile them for RAILS & IHLS.**

Minutes taker for June 3, 2024 - Donna Schaal

Adjournment at 11:01 AM. Next meeting is January 8th, 2024