

Illinois Library Association Public Policy Committee

Minutes

January 8, 2024

Meeting via Zoom

Minutes taken by Tana Petrov

1. Call to order and roll call - Kyla, Tana
 - a. Call to order at 10:00 AM
 - b. Attendance
 - i. Voting Members Present: Kyla Waltermire, John Kokoris, Laura Long, Jamie Paicely, Tana Petrov, Donna Schaal, Aaron Skog and Tom Stagg
 - ii. Voting Members Absent: Mike Driskell, Anna Karwowska, Nikeda Webb
 - iii. Ex Officio Members Present: Derek Blaida, Amy Byers, Gail Graziani, Monica Harris, Lou Ann Jacobs, Heather Jagman, Elizabeth Lynch, Greg McCormick, Ellen Popit, Cynthia Robinson
 - iv. Ex Officio Members Absent: Anne Craig, Ryan Johnson, Amanda McKay
 - v. Guests included: Tina Hubert (Six Mile Regional Library District), Leila Heath (RAILS), Joe Filapek (RAILS)
2. Review of Agenda: No changes or modifications to the agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 12/4/2023 meeting were tabled.
4. Advocacy update - Gail, Amanda
 - a. On December 4th they recapped the legislative meetups with Cyndi that had occurred up until that point. Everyone was pleased with the turnout of the legislators and library supporters. They had a recommendation that the Advocacy Committee take a more active role next time in reaching out to the legislators.
5. AISLE update - Lou Ann
 - a. They are trying to change some rules in regards to the presence of school librarians in Illinois Public Schools. They had their first meeting and introduced the committee, and talked about some of the goals they have, most of which are long term. One thing they want to look into is to make sure they have links on the website to all the pertinent info, including what it takes to become a licensed librarian, what universities offer graduate degrees and what universities offer course work. They also brainstormed some other contacts they need to make to develop a cadre of people who are going to be supporters of such an action of good ideas and information, and funding. They think they need to talk to the State Board of Education and ask them about how the state money is used in regards to library media services.
6. CARLI update - Anne
 - a. Anne Craig is absent; there was no update.
7. ILA Executive Board update - Heather, Amy

- a. Board meeting on Thursday, where they will have a board development activity with a speaker. Trans identities, myth and misinformation. They will have more information after the meeting.
8. Illinois State Library update - Greg
 - a. No updates today.
9. Intellectual Freedom update - Elizabeth
 - a. No updates today.
10. Library Systems updates - Ellen, Monica
 - a. New Director of Consulting and Continuing Education Kate Niehoff begins her role today.
11. Federal update - Cyndi
 - a. Congressional leaders reached an agreement to fund domestic and social security programs, so hopefully they will continue to stand together to support the government, but anything can happen. It's a presidential election year. The Iowa caucus is Jan 15, New Hampshire's primary is Jan 20, South Carolina is Feb 3 and Illinois's primary is March 19. They were contacted by ALA to participate in their fly-in, which will be on March 6 and 7. Veronica DeFazio, Deputy Director of Peoria Public Library and past ILA President, will be representing Illinois.
12. State update - Derek, Cyndi
 - a. Presidential primary is March 19. They won't be in Springfield much between now and then. April and May will be exceptionally heavy. 3 bills were filing in the Senate version of the License to Read Act. Champaign Senator Paul Ferrari has a copy of it that Derek hopes that he will file it this week or commit to filing it this week so we will be good to go for potential hearing before February 1. Attached to the agenda is a bill report from earlier this week. There is nothing happening that they haven't seen before. Members of the General Assembly for various reasons file bills again that haven't moved in previous years for one reason or another. Discussions continue regarding the Cybersecurity Compliance Act and the Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA). Nothing has happened because Amazon and major online retailers are opposed to it. Nothing will happen in the legislative world in the next 3 or 4 weeks. Aaron asked where taking a photo of a patron's face for the purpose of identification falls under as far as record retention. Derek said private entity does not include a state or local government agency.
 - b. Updated Bill List [1.2.2024](#)
13. Old business
 - a. Updates on legislative proposals - Kyla
 - i. Derek said that 5 of the 6 pieces of legislation have been filed so at this point it's a waiting game. Under "old business" outstanding legislative agenda items have been tabled for the time being, but we don't want to lose sight of what those goals are.
 - ii. 2023-2024 approved legislative agenda items
 - [Competitive Bidding Raised](#)
 - [Acquisition of Treasurer Bonds for Libraries in Illinois](#)

- [Equitable Access to Electronic Literacy Materials Act](#)
 - iii. TABLED: 2022-2023 outstanding legislative agenda items
 - [Amend the Local Records Act to Streamline Disposal of Records](#)
 - [General fund flexibility](#)
 - iv. [ILA Legislative Meetups](#) - Cyndi
 - [Meetups Update](#) (link posted by Cyndi)
- 14. New business – Kyla
 - a. Requests for possible Open Meeting Act revisions. We have started discussing publication notices and putting together a survey. Monica gave an update that the survey has been put together but didn't want to post during the holidays. Hope is to get the survey out and we might be able to get results by the next PPC meeting.
- 15. Adjournment – Kyla
 - a. Adjournment at 10:24 AM

Next meeting is February 5, 2024