

Public Policy Committee - Illinois Library Association
Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2019

Dennis Danowski called the meeting to order at 1:15pm at East Peoria Orientation.

Voting Members Present:

X Dennis Danowski Chair	X Adams-Lanhar, Sam	Nance, Carolyn
Matthews, Daniel	X Pointon, Scott	X Phares, Dee Anna
Auston, Anthony	X Mahoney, Betsy	Starasta, Mike
X Albers, Marian	Parker, Kathy	X Dombrowski, Monica

Ex Officio Members Present:

X Beestrup, Molly	Fuerst, Cindy	Mills, Paul
X Blaida, Derek	De Fazio, Veronica	Poppit, Ellen
X Brennan, Dee	Hammerstrand, Kristine	Todd, Alexander
Deiters, Jim	Jacobs, Lou Ann	
X Foote, Diane	X McCormick, Greg	

Guests:

DISCUSSION

- Talked about fall veto session October 26-27-28 and November 12-13.
- 6 year capital improvement bill and how the money will be earmarked
 - Pensions
 - State appropriation
 - Local appropriation
 - \$50 million for libraries.
- Working on standards for cannabis bill.
- Freezing of local property tax not going anywhere?
- Trustee qualifications might come around again – candidate not eligible for non-payment of property taxes, must live in library area, no felony convictions.
- Talked about 2020 election and the changing of Constitution to raise income tax for those making \$250,000 or more.
- ILA Strategic Plan and how PPC can define.
- District libraries merge if not continuous with unserved between entities. Referendum still necessary.
- Selling of surplus equipment requirements over \$2500.
- Everyone needs to be in a library district. Boundaries same as school districts or community college districts.
- System working on a proposal to amend library law to make it easier for libraries to become districts so they can merge with others and incorporated unserved areas.
- When Library Systems were formed, they were charged with providing service to the unserved.
- Working with Legislator on privacy Issue in the way names are used for reserving materials for pickup and whether a fine should be assessed to individual library staff.
- House hold card is not permissible.
- The use of social security numbers for billing at Universities. Is this a CARLI issue?
- Should materials not returned be turned over to a collection agency?

-Is State of Illinois census going up or decreasing? Depends on which part of the State. Need to count everyone. Census will affect libraries for the next 10 years.

PPC will monitor the following areas:

- Privacy Issue.
- Serving the unserved.
- Non-resident consolidation.
- Census count.

PPC will strive to include the Illinois Library Association Strategic Plan when concerning outcomes on the committee level. These outcomes include working with other committees and forums for a single goal of inclusion. Creating a strong partnership with Advocacy so both committees are heading in the same direction. Developing goals in which all types of libraries are adequately funded, by legislation. Create written tools that can be used by library leaders and staff to "tell our story". Plus this will also include member value statements. And most importantly continue to work with our partners, Library Systems, CARLI, AISLE, Intellectual Freedom, Diversity for an equal and effective way of promoting libraries for all.

Meeting adjourned 3:15pm.