

ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

November 6th, 2023 Minutes taken by Laura Long

Call to order at 10:00 AM

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

Voting Members Absent: None

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

Ex Officio Members Absent: None

Guests included: Betsy Adamowski (Wheaton Public Library), Leila Heath (RAILS), Joe Filapek (RAILS), Catherin Yanikoski (Engineering Systems, Inc.)

Review of Agenda: No changes or modifications to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 2nd, 2023 meeting were tabled.

Updates:

Advocacy Update (Gail Graziani) – the committee met on October 2nd and discussed upcoming presentations at AISLE and ILA. Additionally, they discussed the upcoming legislative meetups, which have almost all been lined up. They also agreed to have a representative on the “More than a Building” committee/campaign.

CARLI update (Ann Craig) – CARLI has been working with the Illinois State to support the implementation of the grant program for the \$3M allocated towards open academic resources.

ILA Executive Board Update (Amy Byers, Cyndi Robinson) – The ILA conference was excellent, and the audit of ILA has been completed.

Illinois State Library Update (Greg McCormick) – The state library advisory committee met last month, and the main point of discussion was the academic open resources allocation/grant program. Additionally, they have been working on the budget requests for FY25, and are working on support for “More than a Building”.

Intellectual Freedom Update (Elizabeth Lynch) – the committee had a presentation at ILA, and have an upcoming collaboration with the ACLU for an article in the ILA Reporter. They continue to work on the state wide task force to provide support for book challenges, and plan to have the fact sheets for commonly challenged books available in the next month or so.

System Updates – IHLS (Ellen Popit) – The Trustee Training portal has been presented to the State Library and at ILA, and was well met. People are excited to try it out and be beta testers. They have also been working the state library to ensure even the small libraries are aware of the Banned Books Legislature and how to comply with their Per Capita Grant application. RAILS (Monica Harris) – RAILS has

been working on the Broadband initiative, and would like to thank everyone who commented during that process. There will be further movement on that in January. There will also be a RAILS membership update on November 15th. And there will be an asynchronous EDI learning opportunity announced soon through a partnership with Freedom Lifted – this will be provided to all RAILS member libraries.

Federal Update (Cynthia Robinson) – Cyndi reported that with the election of a new speaker, Congress is now working on a funding bill to avoid a federal government shutdown. ALA will be providing an advocacy workshop in Chicago in a few weeks, and ILA will have representatives attending.

State Update (Derek Blaida) – Copies of the 2 bills that have been filed were given to committee members. Derek pointed out that there may be some misinformation about the Invest in Kids program over the next few days, and to be aware that there are ongoing conversations and nothing has been officially decided yet.

Derek spoke of the PTO for All Workers Act, and said that the Senate President has filed an amendment to put airlines and UPS into the bill. He thinks that this amendment may mean that there is no movement on any other exemptions until next year. He wanted to note that the Illinois Municipal League has asked for an exemption for all units of local government (which would include libraries), but again does not think anything will pass until next year.

Derek said that 0 proposals will be considered before the end of this year, and we will know more in the January through April session. Laura Long had a question about SB 2622 Municipal CD-Employee Residency. Derek thought this bill would have to be rewritten before it is considered. Aaron Skog asked a question about HB 4081 Cybersecurity Compliance Act. Derek explained what an “affirmative defense” means, and stated he was not concerned that this was going to be a first step towards requiring compliance with a cyber security program. Aaron stated that other states have implemented a RAMP (Risk and Authorization Management Program) and wants us to be aware that this may be something Illinois considers in the future. Derek will put it on the watch list. A question was asked regarding any advocacy meetings Derek has scheduled, and he said he would be meeting with them after the end of the veto session.

Quick Response Working Group (Jamie Paicely) – Jamie reported that the group met in October for an introductory session and will be meeting for a second time later this month. They hope to have information available after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Old Business: Feedback on ODRISA – RAILS has sent a survey out and received responses, Monica will share those with the committee.

AISLE Report (Lou Ann Jacobs) – Lou Ann has been asked to serve on a new task force to discuss the need for school districts to hire school librarians. It was also learned that the Illinois State Board of Education does not have a school library coordinator. Thirteen other states have a full-time person in this position, and AISLE will be advocating for Illinois have one as well.

New Business

Kyla reminded that group about the upcoming legislative meetups and encourage everyone to attend.

Adjournment at 10:43 AM Next meeting is December 10th, 2023