

August 28, 2023

Minutes taken by Jamie Paicely

Call to order at 10:02 AM

Attendance

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

Voting Members Absent: Anna Karwowska

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

Ex Officio Members Absent: Greg McCormick

Guests: Betsy Adamowski (Wheaton Public Library), Catherine Yanikoski (Engineering Systems Inc)

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

Approval of Minutes: Laura Long made a motion, and Donna Schaal seconded the motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023. All voting members approved unanimously.

Advocacy Update (Gail Graziani): Next meeting is August 28th. They will be going through the survey results about the ILA Legislative Meet-Ups. They received 70+ responses and will be coming up with a plan for 2024's meet-ups and possible 2023's meet-ups, if they are moved to the Fall months.

AISLE Update (Lou Ann Jacobs): They had their first meeting where they reviewed the proposed priorities for PPC. They were interested in pursuing the Equitable Access to Electronic Literacy Materials Act and were supportive of PPC pursuing this as well.

The AISLE Conference is October 1-3 in Champaign, IL

CARLI Update (Anne Craig): There was \$3 million set aside in the appropriations bill that Governor Pritzker signed for grants to academic libraries of Open Education Resources.

Anne also mentioned that the US Department of Education awarded a \$2 million grant in Support of Creating Open Educational Resources (Illinois SCOERs).

ILA Executive Board Update (Ryan Johnson): There is an ILA Finance and Executive Committee Meeting on 9/1.

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The ILA Conference is October 24-26 in Springfield, IL.

Intellectual Freedom Update (Elizabeth Lynch): They are working on compiling Fact Sheets on frequently challenged titles. These would be resources that would help with responses to challenged materials. It would put some of the challenged wording or images into the larger picture of the book and would also include reviews and other helpful information. They are hopeful to have these available by December.

There is an Intellectual Freedom Committee meeting on 9/5.

Illinois State Library Update (Greg McCormick): None

Library Systems Updates (Monica Harris and Ellen Popit):

RAILS and Heartland Systems will be meeting 8/28 and 8/29 jointly to share information and look for ways to collaborate to serve the libraries of Illinois.

Monica shared about participating in the Secretary of State's press conference on 8/25 for grants that were awarded to the Illinois libraries and systems.

Ellen shared about iLEAD and the launch of the Trustee Training portal of Heartland.

Federal Update (Cyndi Robinson):

Protect Public Access – A new provision in the House appropriations bill would block a Biden Administration order that ensures public access to research. As Congress comes back from the August recess, tell them to remove this provision and protect public access. This link will take you to the site to show your support: [Protect Public Access to Information! \(oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net\)](https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net)

ALA will be holding an event in Chicago area in December for State Chapters of ALA. This will be to help get them information and resources to deal with challenges in their states.

State update (Derek Blaida):

Summer recess – legislature is home. Back to session in late October or November. No agenda set yet. Petitions for reelection go out around Labor Day.

Old Business

After reviewing the survey results from the members of their preferred priorities, the top four priorities, in order, are:

- 1) Equitable Access to Electronic Literacy Materials Act
- 2) Acquisition of Treasurer Bonds for Librarians in Illinois
- 3) Competitive Bidding Raised *
- 4) District Tax Cannabis Proposal

*Before the motion was made to accept these, Derek Blaida recommended raising the bid rate to \$35,000, to keep in line with inflation. The committee agreed with this recommendation

Donna Schaal made a motion, and Aaron Skog seconded the motion, to adopt these four priorities, in this order, and present the results to the ILA Executive Board. All voting members voted in favor of this motion.

New Business

Laura Long shared information about [New Law Authorizes use of Design-Build Contracts for Municipalities and Schools](#) and getting Library Districts included in this law. Derek Blaida shared why library districts were originally removed from inclusion in this law. Monica Harris brought up a few examples of library districts with healthy budgets and asked about keeping an eye on this law and suggesting library districts should be included.

Kyle Waltermire brought up the recent amendment to [One Day of Rest in Seven Act](#) and its impact on libraries that are opened 7-days a week. She asked if anyone had heard of issues or complications with any libraries. Monica, Ellen, and Aaron all agreed to reach out to their members and seek input on any challenges they are having with these new amendments.

Other

None

Adjournment at 10:48 AM

Next meeting is October 2, 2023