

Illinois Library Association
Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2020

Call to order: 10:00 A.M.

Roll Call:

Voting Members

Present: Dennis Danowski (Chair), Sam Adams-Lanham, Marian Albers, Anthony Auston, Monica Dombrowski, Betsy Mahoney, Daniel Matthews, Karolyn Nance, Kathy Parker, Dee Anna Phares, Mike Starasta

Ex Officio Members

Present: Molly Beestrum, Derek Blaida, Deirdre Brennan, Diane Foote, Cynthia Fuerst, Lou Ann Jacobs, Greg McCormick, Ellen Popit, Alexander Todd, Paul Mills

Absent: Scott Pointon, Jim Deiters, Veronica De Fazio, Patrick Molloy

Guests: Monica Harris, Keith Michael Fiels, Mary Witt

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Kathy Parker to approve, second by Karolyn Nance, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2020: Motion by Kathy Parker to approve; seconded by Monica Dombrowski; motion carried.

Public Comments: None

State Legislative Priorities (Derek Blaida):

Derek does not believe there will be any property tax freeze legislation; however, some counties may delay the penalty dates for late payments. There will also be a statewide broadband access study separate from the Broadband Advisory Council.

Information

- Changes to the Open Meetings Act to allow for remote attendance during emergency declarations is waiting for the governor's signature.
- The budget should be passed with an increase to the per capita grant rate for both public and school libraries from \$.75 per student to \$.885 and \$1.25 per resident to \$1.475. ILA will be thanking Gov. Pritzker and Sec. of State Jesse White for their support of the increased rate.
- HB2096 Cards for Kids Act passed and is waiting for the governor's signature. Many libraries have raised questions about how the new bill will be implemented in libraries. Procedures and qualifications will be outlined in administrative rules. This is not a mandate, but for libraries that offer, nonresident cards may no longer charge students that qualify under this act. Diane said this new law would only apply to roughly 3% of students in Illinois.

Federal Legislative Priorities

- Illinois census self-reporting rate is 65.2% and nationally the rate is 60.2% Many libraries have taken their census campaigns online while the building have been closed.
- The IMLS and Battelle study results should be out soon.

Misc.

- ILA will make a statement condemning racism and violence. The ILA executive board will discuss what steps the organization has made toward equity and inclusion and what the organization can build on at the June 11 meeting.
- Diane shared a timeline for proposed legislation and the steps that should some considerations when presenting a proposal.
- ILA committee orientation will be July 16 over zoom.
- Dennis thanked everyone for serving on the committee this year

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.