



## Illinois Library Association

### **ILA Forum and Committee Reports**

This form is to be completed by committee chairs / forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will have meetings on the following dates in 2018-19: September 20, 2018; November 29, 2018; January 31, 2019; April 11, 2019; and June 13, 2019. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: [dfoote@ila.org](mailto:dfoote@ila.org).

### **Public Policy**

Forum or Committee

Scott Davis

Report completed by

September 2018

Date

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

PPC had its first meeting of FY18-19 on August 27. After some general housekeeping (minute taking, time / dates of meetings, possible alternate locations and targeted deadlines) discussion took place regarding the processes involved in preparing and presenting legislative initiatives to the ILA Board and, ultimately, to the State Legislature. Legislative Consultant Derek Blaida stated that PPC's legislative agenda should be set by December 1<sup>st</sup> to provide the best chance for any initiatives to be considered. A number of possible legislative topics were discussed and prioritized. A consensus was reached to move forward with the following topics: Net neutrality (take legal action as numerous other states have), Criteria for removal of trustees (consider easing), Municipalities in home rule communities (clarify legal authority of each body regarding budgeting / levying authority). Also considered was modifying the school code to require licensed librarians in each school building.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The committee will take the above mentioned legislative issues and apply the ILA Legislative Review Process. Committee members will be tasked with gathering information in order to address these fundamental questions: Does the issue impact a substantial percentage of the membership, does it impact all types of libraries, and does this issue align with our legislative action agenda? Does this issue conform to stated ILA Public Policy Principals? What are the possible negative outcomes of the changes, who would be our allies and who would oppose our efforts? Those advocating for the issue should step-up and be recruited to help lead in the process and to find allies around the state.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:

Clarification requested in regards to communicating with ILA members about any newly passed legislation. PPC is tasked with presenting new legislative initiatives and taking a stance (support, oppose, monitor) on proposed legislation, but once a bill is signed into law, how best can membership be informed of and prepared for its implementation?