



Illinois Heartland Library System

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## ADVOCACY & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 6, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

### Call to Order

Karen Bounds called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

Members present: Karen Bounds, Jenna Griffith, Ryan Johnson, Tammy Krouse, Kelley Sullivan

Members absent: Tiffany Droege

Others present: Stacie Bushong, Ellen Popit

### Public Comment

None

### Approval of Minutes

Ryan Johnson motioned to approve the February 2, 2022, minutes. Tammy Krouse seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

### Unfinished Business

Metro-East ILA (Illinois Library Association) Virtual Legislative Meet-Up (February 14, 2022)  
Meet-up was well attended, and legislators were sent thank you cards, which elicited some positive responses.

### School Library Membership Coordinator

The membership coordinator has reached out to schools to see if they would like visits, and she has received positive responses.

### AISLE (Association of School Library Educators) Working Group

- The House Committee on Oversight and Reform is holding a hearing April 7, 2023, about book bans and academic censorship.
- The Palatine School District faced a challenge to the book "Fred Gets Dressed".
- The American Library Association (ALA) released "State of America's Libraries, 2002."
- Deborah Will, from Zion-Benton High School, presented "Censorship as a Concerted Effort from the Right to Undermine the Public School System."
- Follett has discontinued plans to implement parental controls in Destiny.

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- The Diversity in Literature bill has not advanced, but the Illinois Library Association is ready to react, should it move forward, with a statement detailing the problems with the legislation and has multiple signatories, including the Illinois Library Association, Association for Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE), American Library Association (ALA), and Illinois Association of Teacher Educators (IATE).
- Data from certification is being studied, and the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) Data Research Assistant Janette Derucki will present findings to system advocacy committees in the coming months.
- Staff cuts are being reported to AISLE.
- There is advanced planning for advocacy for school libraries on a statewide level, with all four agencies working together.

#### Public Policy Committee (PPC) Updates

- They are reworking the Bigger Than a Building logo and continued support of that initiative.
- A standing committee was created on “Serving Our Public.”
- Pat Boze has been announced as an Illinois Library Luminary.
- They support full funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) FY2023 funding. The FY2022 funding amounted to \$197 million, and for FY2023, the proposed amount is \$201 million. At the fully authorized funding, the amount would be \$232 million.
- House Bill 5283 will likely not move forward until the fall. It states that if a library trustee vacancy is not filled within 90 days, it will fall to the Secretary of State’s office to fill the vacancy.
- There was a discussion about changes to the Statement of Economic Interest form. Helpful resources include:
  - County Instructions
  - “Quorum Forum: Statement of Economic Interest” (podcast)
  - Ancestral Glink’s Library Resources
- Senate Bill 3497 has gone through the House and Senate, and this bill will allow for a waiver of non-resident fees for any person 18 and younger, and does away with any income-based considerations.
- A member of the committee discussed the possibility of expanding the Open Meetings Act (OMA) post-pandemic. The question is, because Zoom has worked so well for both board members and members of the public, should it be reexamined as a continuing option?

#### **New Business**

##### Public Library Community Engagement

There are currently discussions about the need to develop some official messaging to encourage library directors and staff to be more involved in public forums to advocate for all libraries.

**Public Comment**

None

**Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

Ryan Johnson motioned to adjourn. Jenna Griffith seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Adjourned at 3:34 p.m.