



Advocacy and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2022

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, Tiffany Droege, Jenna Griffith, Ryan Johnson, Tammy Krouse.
Others present: Ellen Popit, IHLS Staff

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Johnson made the motion to approve the March 9, 2021, minutes, Jenna Griffith seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Karen Bounds invited Ellen Popit to give a brief overview of the current Advocacy environment in the system and statewide. Topics covered included:

- [ILA Legislative Meet-Ups](#)
 - January 28: Central Illinois'
 - February 14: Metro East and Southern Illinois
- [ILA's Legislative Agenda](#) for FY 2022
- Leah Gregory from the Mascoutah Middle School has been hired as a Membership Coordinator/School Library Liaison.
- The activity of the Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) Working Group.

This portion of the meeting involved a healthy discussion of challenges to intellectual freedom currently faced by school and public libraries.

In addition, the committee was notified that the Illinois State Board of Education did attend a recent AISLE board meeting and informed them that training and professional development opportunities for the state-mandated Media Literacy

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education is being developed.

In discussion regarding committee activity moving forward, it was determined that further discussion could be held after the legislative meetups.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:37 p.m.