



## 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

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.