



## ADVOCACY & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

### Call to Order

Karen Bounds called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

Members absent: Tiffany Droege, Jenna Griffith

Others present: Leslie Bednar (arrived 3:10 p.m.), Ellen Popit

### Public Comment

None

### Approval of Minutes

A motion and second were made to approve the April 6, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

### Unfinished Business

Updates were given on the following Groups

Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) Working Group on October 4, 2022, Meeting:

- Updates on the RAILS data collection projection which has recently included a staffing survey.
- AISLE's awareness of more support at the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) than was previously thought, especially related to evidence-based funding.

The Illinois Library Association's (ILA) Public Policy Committee Meeting on October 3, 2022:

- A report that legislative action in Springfield will be quiet until after the November 2022 election.
- The ILA Executive Board is currently determining legislative priorities for the upcoming year.
- Bills to watch are the [SAFE-T Act](#) (dealing with criminal justice reform) and [Amendment 1](#) (dealing with collective bargaining).
- The two candidates for Illinois Secretary of State have been sent questionnaires by ILA with responses due by October 8.

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**New Business****Challenges to Intellectual Freedom**

Discussion centered around challenges to intellectual freedom faced by our member libraries and how IHLS can respond as an agency and in support of the membership. It was determined that continued curation of resources that can be shared with our membership and the release of a statement of support are actions to be taken in the short term. Cooperation with statewide and national stakeholders will be ongoing.

**Public Comment**

None

**Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion and second were made to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Adjourned at 3:52 p.m.