



Illinois Heartland Library System

ADVOCACY & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 2, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Ryan Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Matt Greider, Ryan Johnson, Kristi Lear, Emily Pickell

Committee Members Absent: Mark Decker

Other Attendees & Guests: Carol Hogan-Downey, IHLS Staff, Ellen Popit, IHLS Staff, Sarah Taylor, IHLS Staff

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Approved by unanimous consent.

Unfinished Business

Revised Committee Charge and Discussion of Timeline

It was reported that the Executive Committee has reviewed and given their support to the revisions to the Advocacy and Education Committee charge. The recommendation from the Executive Committee is that implementation be included in the FY2026 Operational Plan and rolled out in the next fiscal year.

New Business

Update on Institute of Museum and Library Services

Discussion was held regarding the most recent updates on the status of IMLS and the potential implications of IMLS staff going on administrative leave. Information will be shared as it is released. Carol Hogan-Downey shared the system response that is being sent out and that IHLS will be creating a landing page on the website for the most recent updates to be shared.

Update on advocacy efforts being planned through the Illinois library community

Information was shared about upcoming meetings planned with statewide partners of federal legislators. One meeting has already been scheduled at the Edwardsville Public Library on April

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Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:19 p.m.