

RAILS Advocacy Committee

Membership

Committee members:

RAILS board members

RAILS Executive Director

RAILS Director of Communications

Quorum and Voting

A quorum consists of the majority of voting members.

Charge

The purpose of the RAILS board advocacy committee is to: Educate board members about issues affecting RAILS and libraries that may require advocacy efforts locally, regionally or nationally. For the purposes of this committee, advocacy means being informed about issues and able to speak persuasively and knowledgeably to library funders, supporters, legislators and other stakeholders when appropriate. Such issues may include:

- Importance of librarians
- Status of school libraries and importance of school librarians
- Value of multitype cooperation, what different types of libraries learn from each other
- Funding – state and federal
- Intellectual freedom
- Net neutrality
- Projects and initiatives that RAILS works on

The committee will work collaboratively with the ILA Public Policy Committee and Advocacy Committee and may attend meetings or act in a liaison role for RAILS to these committees. Committee members will attend advocacy events offered by the ILA and the ALA. Committee members will also work to educate trustees at other RAILS members about these important issues.