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## RAILS Board Committee Reports

### *Advocacy Committee Report- Chair Robin Helenthal*

The committee met on October 13, 2022. The next meeting is November 10, 2022 at 4 pm.

The committee met on October 13, 2022. A prioritized list of committee goals was reviewed. Brennan explained that each month the committee will focus on one goal. RAILS will provide talking points. Committee members will then have the opportunity to use their networking connections or other venues to advocate for the topic and provide feedback on the advocacy efforts. The feedback will help to determine if the talking points are the right approach. Find More Illinois talking points were discussed. Brennan shared that based on past conversations with specialized librarians about advocacy, it is important to keep in mind that special libraries vary greatly.

Brennan reported RAILS staff presented the amendments to Records Retention Act and Statewide Access to Online Resources proposals to the ILA Board. Harris reported the ILA Advocacy Committee is working out options for the Legislative Meetups. ILA asked the Secretary of State candidates to share their perspectives on libraries in the form of a questionnaire. The responses have been posted on the ILA website.

The topics for the next meeting agenda are:

- Find More Illinois advocacy feedback
- Harrell will report on advocacy feedback from Chicago Association of Law Librarians
- Caldicott will report on high school librarian feedback on RAILS advocacy efforts
- Legislative update
- ILA advocacy committee report
- Reports on ILA and AISLE conferences
- Goal of the month - Legislative proposals for statewide online resources and records retention changes

The next meeting is on November 10, 2022 at 4pm.

### *Consortia Committee Report-Chair Thomas Stagg*

The committee met Monday, October 17, 2022. The next meeting is, Monday, January 23, 2023

Chair Thomas Stagg welcomed new committee members Megan Millen and Tim Jarzemsky. RAILS Staff and RSA reported on their ongoing efforts towards greater independence and sustainability for the RSA organization. Monica Harris gave an update on the Resource Sharing Committee. Anne Slaughter reported Find More Illinois is experiencing steady growth. Activity is up 53% and holdings have doubled to approximately four million since last year. Find More Illinois is also receiving a lot of interest from schools. Deirdre Brennan highlighted Universal Service Committee efforts to request library service area data be added to the real estate Multiple Listing Service, and summarized their discussion of alternate funding resources for libraries that want to or are participating in the expanded Cards for Kids Act. The committee discussed big-picture goals for upcoming discussion, and added security

and centralized cataloging collaboration to the list. Stagg extended a thank you to Deirdre Brennan for her leadership, as it was Brennan's last Consortia Committee meeting.

Next meeting topics: Report from ICOLC Task Force, report on cataloging project between RAILS and CCS, and an update on existing cataloging services.

### ***EDI Committee Report - Chair Dianne Hollister***

The next meeting is November 2, 2022

### ***Executive Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina***

The committee met on October 13, 2022. The next meeting is November 10, 2022 at 4 pm.

A report will be given at the Board meeting.

### ***Resource Sharing Committee Report - Chair Becky Spratford***

The next meeting is on November 14, 2022

### ***Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Alice Creason***

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022.