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Agenda item 7.2

RAILS Board Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Robin Helenthal

The Advocacy committee met on August 10, 2023. The next meeting is on September 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Joe Filapek welcomed new members, Jean Carroll and Catherine Yanikoski, to the Advocacy Committee and thanked outgoing member, Tom Stagg, for his years of service. Barb Miller gave an overview and tips on promoting Find More Illinois. Filapek reported on the legislative proposals the ILA PPC committee received for consideration for the next legislative session, updates on federal and state library related issues, and news from the ILA Advocacy committee meeting. Walsh shared information on the [Illinois State Literacy Plan](#) draft and the Literacy Plan [ISBE listening tour](#). Walsh pointed out where there could be more inclusion of libraries and librarians in the plan. Public comment on the draft of the literacy plan can be submitted [online](#).

Consortia Committee Report - Chair Thomas Stagg

The next meeting is, October 16, 2023.

EDI Committee Report - Chair Dianne Hollister

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Executive Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

There are no upcoming meetings at this time.

Policy Committee Report - TBD

The committee will reconvene and set a schedule after the new board and committees are in place.

Resource Sharing Committee Report - Chair Becky Spratford

Tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2023, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

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Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Alice Creason

Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Nominating Committee Report - Chair Thomas Stagg

The committee will be appointed by the RAILS President and convene in March. Meetings will be held from March through June as needed.