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## RAILS Board Committee Reports

### *Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Monica Caldicott*

The Advocacy committee met on November 9, 2023. The next meeting is January 11, 2024. Monica Caldicott has stepped into the role of chairperson. Robin Helenthal and Juanita Harrell were thanked for their service on the committee and efforts to advocate for libraries. Janette Derucki gave a presentation on the status of the School Library Advocacy Through Education project (SLATE), which included a review of the school library data dashboard. Members provided feedback and suggested additional features. After discussion, members voted to recommend to the RAILS Board to sign the Unite Against Book Bans partner agreement. Harris reported on the ILA Advocacy and PPC meetings. All are encouraged to attend the [ILA Legislative meetups](#) scheduled in November and December throughout the state. Walsh reported on the October AISLE Advocacy meeting. The Draft Illinois Literacy Plan Feedback Form is open through November 18th. More information on the literacy plan, listening tours, and the feedback form can be found at <https://www.isbe.net/literacyplan>. The next Advocacy meeting will be held on January 11, 2024. The meeting topics will be Support for Broadband and Digital Equality and a discussion on support for libraries serving unhoused and migrant populations within their communities.

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

The next meeting will be on January 22, 2024.

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

The next meeting is December 12, 2023

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

There are no upcoming meetings at this time.

### *Policy Committee Report – Gwen Gregory*

The committee will meet on November 20, 2023.

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

The next meeting is November 13, 2023.

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

The next meeting is December 7, 2023.

## ***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.