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## RAILS Board Committee Reports

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

The Advocacy Committee met on February 8, 2024. The next meeting is March 14, 2024.

Slaughter gave an update on the status of the broadband expansion and digital equity initiatives which consist of two programs in Illinois – the [Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program \(BEAD\)](#) and [Digital Equity Act](#). For news, information and resources visit [Broadbandforlibraries.com](#), [Illinois Broadband Lab](#), and [Illinois Office of Broadband](#) newsletter. Derucki gave an overview of the Illinois Libraries: Agencies of Impact Data Study. The group discussed serving the unhoused and migrant populations by sharing examples of how public and school libraries are working to serve these populations. Harris shared key points of the ALA reports on legislation and intellectual freedom and reported on the bills the ILA Public Policy Committee is watching. Harris gave an update on the statewide database package which could be available by the end of FY2024. Walsh reported on AISLE news including a new task force to advocate for a certified librarian in every school. The topic for the March 14, 2024 meeting will be Intellectual Freedom and Materials Challenges.

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

The next meeting will be on February 26, 2024.

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

The committee met on December 12, 2023. The next meeting March 12, 2024.

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

There is no upcoming meeting scheduled.

### *Policy Committee Report – Gwen Gregory*

The Committee met on December January 24, 2024. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024.

The committee approved the new RAILS Transitional Duty Policy for presentation to the Board. They will continue to review the RAILS Employee Handbook and other policies.

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

The Resource Sharing Committee met on February 12, 2024. The next meeting is May 6, 2024.

Filapek reported that RAILS is currently working on cleaning up non-resident card fee data within L2. He also noted that the quarterly Delivery count was recently completed, and that this year's library member certification is well underway. Miller reported on the extensive growth of the Find More Illinois program since its inception in 2018, including the recent addition of all libraries in the CCS consortium as of December 2023. Harris updated the committee on the Statewide Online Educational Resources Program, indicating that libraries should maintain their current database purchases until the new program is fully implemented. The bulk of the meeting was dedicated to the review and discussion of the RAILS Resource Sharing Plan that was last updated in 2018. Suggested changes will be reviewed at the next Resource Sharing Committee meeting and then passed to the RAILS Policy Committee for review and approval.

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

The Universal Service Committee met on December 7, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2024.

### ***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.