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RAILS Board Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Monica Caldicott

The Advocacy Committee met on November 14. The next meeting is January 9, 2025.

Kate Hall (Northbrook Public Library) spoke on Public Library Crisis Communication. Kate provided an overview, communication strategy, legality, safety and security, next steps, and resources related to a recent crisis at Northbrook Public Library. Harris reported on the ILA PPC and Advocacy committee meetings. At the request of the AISLE Advocacy group, members discussed the proposal for a letter template for public libraries to support school library certified librarians. This committee agreed with the proposal and suggested the letter campaign could be expanded to reach out to legislators and partner with library trustees. The committee would like to work on crisis communication, providing guidance on contacting legislators, support for library directors, and contributing to programs. The topic for the January meeting will be the Rapid Response Team and materials challenges.

Consortia Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

The next meeting is on January 27, 2025.

Executive Committee Report - Chair Rene Leyva

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2024.

The Committee will review nominations and decide who to interview to fill the vacancy of Vanessa Villarreal.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

The Policy Committee met on October 28, 2024. The next meeting is November 18, 2024

At the October 28 meeting, the committee had an opportunity to look at the full policy list that needs review and possible edits. After a discussion on what the group felt was a reasonable workload, the consensus was to review six new policies each month with the acknowledgment that the handbook may not be finalized by June 2025. The following policies- Business Use of Personal Vehicles, Use of RAILS Vehicles, General Driving Requirements, Equal Employment Opportunity, Reasonable Accommodations, and the Pregnancy Right Policy- were approved. The revised handbook will be sent to the full RAILS Board of Directors for final approval.

Resource Sharing Committee Report - Chair Julie Milavec

The next meeting is December 9, 2024.

Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2024.