



RAILS Board Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Jean Carroll

The RAILS Board Advocacy Committee met on May 8, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025.

Carolyn Sennett was introduced as the new member of the committee. Melissa Gardner, Executive Director of Palatine Public Library, shared the library's process of developing a crisis communication plan. Harris gave an overview of the status of the IMLS agency and grants, the RAILS IMLS Advocacy Pulse page, and the status of legislation ILA is monitoring. Walsh reported on recent developments in legislation to create a school librarian task force. ISBE has requested to create their own task force, replacing the legislatively mandated task force. The FY2026 committee meeting schedule was approved.

Consortia Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2025.

Executive Committee Report - Chair Rene Leyva

The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Nominating Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

The next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2025.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2025.

Resource Sharing Committee Report - Chair Julie Milavec

The RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee met on April 28, 2025. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Filapek announced the release of RAILS' first member-facing annual report for 2024 and highlighted a *Chicago Tribune* article focused on RAILS delivery services, the impact of interlibrary loan in Illinois, and the importance of IMLS funding to support these services. Miller reported that Find More Illinois has begun sending lender-only

participation invitations to some academic libraries and is finalizing the new pricing tier model. The committee discussed the enforcement of required Resource Sharing information in L2 and communication strategies for sharing this information with our membership. Behm gave an overview of RAILS' e-content offerings including eRead Illinois and Inkie.org. Filapek highlighted the importance of diversity in geography and library-type across libraries represented on the Resource Sharing Committee and thanked outgoing committee members Julie Milavec, Jeanne Modelski, and Becky Spratford for their service.

Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2025.