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RAILS Board Committee Reports

June 20, 2025

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Jean Carroll

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025.

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 Nominating Committee met on May 29, 2025. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

The Policy Committee met on May 22, 2025. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

The Policy Committee reviewed five handbook policies: Communicable Diseases, Travel, Employee Travel, Fiscal Accountability, and Personal Files. The Personal Files Policy was approved, while the other four policies will be revised and brought back to the committee at the next meeting. Changes made to the Communicable Diseases Policy included updates to its title, "Communicable and Infectious Diseases Policy," the addition of a definition for infectious diseases, and an expanded section on remote work. Furthermore, the policy was amended at the recommendation of legal counsel to include two new sections: Employee Leave and Pay, and Business Travel. The members discussed several additions to the Travel Policy, including a shared lodging section (such as Airbnb or VRBO rentals), information on train travel, added language on accommodations, and the inclusion of ride-sharing services. Gwen Gregory thanked the members for their dedicated work and service on this committee.

Resource Sharing Committee Report - Chair Julie Milavec

The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Catherine Yanikoski

RAILS Universal Service Committee met on Friday, June 13th.

Members reviewed and developed a survey designed to gather data from community colleges regarding services available to the unserved population in Illinois. The Committee also planned for an ILA Annual Conference panel session to be held in October. The participants also discussed legislative updates affecting libraries and briefly discussed upcoming changes to the Committee membership in the new Fiscal Year 2026.