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Agenda item 8.2

RAILS Board Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Jean Carroll

The committee met on July 10, 2025. The next meeting is September 11, 2025.

Mary Davis Fournier, PLA Executive Director, spoke on the topic of library association challenges and support. Challenges include providing a unified voice while advocating for the nation's libraries and adapting to changing technology. Attracting and retaining members is an important issue for library associations. Individual membership to the Public Library Association provides access to continuing education, resources, and opportunities for professional development that institutional membership does not allow. Libraries can support the library associations by encouraging staff to join with an individual membership. The public may join as a full member or a public supporter. Harris gave updates on IMLS, Illinois legislation, and an overview of the ALA reports on legislation and intellectual freedom. The topic for the September meeting will be school libraries.

Consortia Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

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

Executive Committee Report - TBD

There are no meetings scheduled.

Nominating Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

There are no meetings scheduled.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Resource Sharing Committee Report - TBD

The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The next meeting is not yet scheduled