



RAILS Board Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Jean Carroll

The next meeting is on March 12, 2026.

Consortia Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

The Consortia Committee met on Monday, January 26, 2026. The next meeting is April 20, 2026.

Joe Filapek reported that the RAILS Board Universal Service Committee has sent out a survey to community college libraries about services they may be providing to non-student residents of their communities. Monica Harris noted several legislative priorities identified by the ILA Public Policy Committee, including per capita and school district grants, public library trustee training, making eBooks financially accessible to libraries, and looking at the Library Records Confidentiality Act. Grant Halter provided an update on the Delivery count data project and RAILCAR and announced the hiring of a new Data Analysis Intern, Yolanda Everson. Nancy George gave an overview of the RAILS Cataloging Services department, including upcoming cataloging training opportunities, and requested feedback on RAILS cataloging guidance documents that need to be updated. Leila Heath and Anna Behm reported on the eRead transition to Palace Project and the current focus on implementing usage for K-12 schools. The Committee discussed the ethical use of artificial intelligence, RAILS' upcoming pilot implementation, and how their groups are approaching the safe and effective use of AI tools.

Executive Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

The next meeting is on March 5, 2026.

Nominating Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

No meetings are scheduled.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The Policy Committee met on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The next meeting is February 25, 2026.

The Policy Committee voted to recommend the RAILS Fiscal Accountability policy for board review. The Committee approved the following Employee Handbook policies: Sick Leave, Vacation, Vacation Payout, and Introductory Period and Benefits Eligibility. The FOIA, Outside Employment, Personal Relationships in the Workplace, and Receipt of Fraudulent Email policies were reviewed and edits were suggested. Monica Harris presented an updated timeline for the employee handbook review project, including policies that were previously left off the roster of items to review.

Resource Sharing Committee Report – Chair Jennifer Hovanec

The next meeting is on March 9, 2026.

Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The next meeting is on March 13, 2026.