

**RAILS Board Committee Reports****May 22, 2026*****Advocacy Committee report - Chair Jean Carroll***

The committee will meet on May 14, 2026. The report will be included in the June meeting packet.

Consortia Committee Report – Chair Alex Vancina

The Consortia Committee met on Monday, April 20, 2026. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2026.

Monica Harris reported on the one-year extension of the Department of Justice digital accessibility compliance deadlines. Several federal legislative issues were highlighted such as the Books Save Lives Act of 2026, Right to Read Act, and Institute of Museum and Library Services funding. Additionally, updates on two Illinois House bills were given: the potential increase of public library and system grant funding and the Digital Library Protection Act on eBook restrictions. Anne Slaughter reviewed RAILS' progress on internal testing of artificial intelligence tools for staff. Potential risk factors and ensuring proper protection were discussed. A Consortial Delivery Data Working Group charge was presented by Grant Halter and approved by the committee to begin before the July meeting. The Working Group will develop recommendations for using transit reports from library catalog software in the RAILS delivery count process. Janette Derucki shared results from the Community College survey on services for Illinois residents without public libraries. A thank you was given to Alex Vancina for his leadership, insight, and years of service to this committee.

Executive Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

No meetings scheduled.

Nominating Committee Report – Chair Alex Vancina

The committee met on April 30, 2026. The next meeting is on June 3, 2026.

Bostrom reviewed the unpublished RAILS election page, which opened on May 6 and runs through May 22 at 11:59 pm. The page features a drop-down menu clarifying which staff member may cast each agency's vote, an interactive Google Map showing candidate library locations, and candidate profiles with headshots and responses to application questions. A total of 17 nominations were received: 2 candidates for 1 open academic seat, 4 for 1 open at-large seat, 8 for 3 open public library seats, and 3 for 1 open school library seat. Gronski outlined the marketing campaign, which includes a printed election guide with an "I Voted" sticker, candidate videos, two weekly social media posts, the RAILS e-news, and a mention in the May 20 RAILS Minute video. In the final week of the election, Gronski will follow up with any library



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agencies that have not yet voted to encourage participation. Harris closed by congratulating the committee on their work to promote nominations for the RAILS Board.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The committee met on April 22, 2026. The next meeting is on May 27, 2026.

The Policy Committee voted to recommend the following policies for board review: Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Bereavement Leave, School Visitation Leave, Employee Blood and Organ Donation Leave, Nursing Employees and Lactation Room, Retirement Plan, Insurance, Other Retirement and Benefits Programs, Employee Assistance Program, Employee Referral Incentive Program, RAILS Employment, Pay Periods and Procedures, Overtime/Timekeeping, and Military Leave. The Remote Work and Employment Classifications policies were reviewed and edits were suggested.

Resource Sharing Committee Report – Chair Jennifer Hovanec

The next meeting is on June 8, 2026.

Universal Service Committee Report – Catherine Yanikoski

The next meeting is on June 5, 2026.