



RAILS Board Committee Reports

July 24, 2026

Advocacy Committee report - Chair Jean Carroll

The committee will meet on Monday, August 20, 2026.

Consortia Committee Report – Chair Alex Vancina

The Consortia Committee met on Monday, July 13, 2026. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2026.

Grant Halter recapped the first Consortial Delivery Data Working Group Committee meeting held in June. Joe Filapek reported on federal legislative issues, including IMLS funding and the status of the E-Rate program. The Illinois legislation on the Public Library Per Capita and Equalization grant award was highlighted, along with a review of the continuing efforts on the eBook bill. The FY2027 Consortia Committee schedule was approved. Discussion of the possible creation of a new Consortial Listserv occurred among the committee, with feedback from all the LLSAPs. Kate Niehoff presented the new RAILS Academy platform, giving a tutorial and details on the program.

The Consortial Delivery Data Working Group met on Monday, June 22, 2026. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2026.

The initial meeting addressed the project's current status, the working group's objectives, and potential approaches for collecting delivery data. All LLSAPs are represented in the group and will collaborate to streamline data collection across all library types.

Executive Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

No meeting scheduled.

Nominating Committee Report – Chair Alex Vancina

No meeting scheduled.



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Policy Committee Report – Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The Policy Committee met on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

The Policy Committee voted to recommend the following policies for board review: ADA Policy and Grievance Procedure, Personal Appearance, Complaint Reporting Process, and the Introduction to the employee handbook.

Resource Sharing Committee Report – Chair Jennifer Hovanec

The next meeting is on September 14, 2026.

Universal Service Committee Report – Catherine Yanikoski

The next meeting is on September 4, 2026.