



Illinois Library Association

ILA Forum Report

Committee or Forum: Trustee Forum

Report completed by: Kathy Caudill, ILA Trustee Forum President/Manager **Date:** January 16, 2020

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Trustee Forum Executive Board meeting – November 16, 2019

The Trustee Forum Executive Board reviewed Trustee Day at the ILA Annual Conference. The Board developed a plan for inviting Trustees interested in serving on the board to attend a future board meeting (in person or virtually) to be considered for possible board service in the future, and began discussing possible program proposals for the 2020 ILA Annual Conference.

Change in Forum Trustee Board membership –For health reasons, Trustee Forum Board member Don Roalkvam submitted his resignation from the Trustee Forum Board. He has served on this board, and in various national and state library associations as well as the Indian Trail Public Library District, for many, many years. We are grateful for his devoted years of service to libraries.

Trusty Trustee Newsletter - The third issue of the “Trusty Trustee” newsletter is being distributed to ILA trustee members in January.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months, intended outcomes/goals of project(s), and anticipated timeline(s) and completion date(s) for each project:

Upcoming Scheduled Trustee Forum Board meetings

- i. January 18, 2020 – Bellwood Public Library, Bellwood
- ii. May 30, 2020 – Fountaindale Public Library, Bolingbrook
- iii. August 15, 2020 – Bartlett Public Library, Bartlett

Scheduled Trustee Training Workshops

- i. March 7, 2020 - Trustee Workshop – Springfield, Illinois State Library
- ii. March 14, 2020 – Trustee Workshop - Oak Brook, Marriott

There will be a business meeting for Trustee Forum members held at the Oak Brook training.

Increasing access and opportunities for diversity/inclusion

The availability of Zoom for the Trustee Forum’s online quarterly meetings will help make it possible for trustees across the state to remotely attend the board’s quarterly meetings. The current Forum Board members are diverse in gender and race. It is hoped that Zoom will encourage younger trustees, and those

residing in central and southern Illinois, to remotely attend meetings and consider becoming members of the Trustee Forum Executive Board.

Increasing leadership opportunities - A number of trustees have inquired at the annual library conference, or trustee training events in Oak Brook and Springfield, about serving on the Trustee Forum Executive Board. The Board plans to invite the interested trustees to attend the May Trustee Forum Executive Board meeting and then address their consideration for service on the Board at the August Trustee Forum Executive Board meeting. The Board looks forward to offering trustees from across the state with increased opportunities to become trustee forum leaders.

Guarantee of Equal Representation - The new bylaws limit membership on the Executive Board to one trustee per library. This will ensure that every library represented on the Forum Board will have an equal vote.

Legislative and Community Advocacy - Conference programming, legislative meet-ups, and legislative information shared with ILA members prior to the meet-ups will assist in ILA trustee advocacy efforts. Trustee Forum Board President Kathy Caudill is serving as one of the Local Coordinators for the Buffalo Grove legislative meet-up.

Delivery of Member Value - Trustee trainings in Springfield and Oak Brook in March, and trustee programming at ILA's annual conference in October, will assist in providing delivery of value to both new and veteran ILA trustee members. The Trustee Forum Executive Board is brainstorming for possible program submissions for the 2020 ILA Annual Conference. Continued distribution of the Trusty Trustee newsletter will provide another important venue for advocacy information and trustee education opportunities.

Activities should be designed to advance the ILA Strategic Plan. Which strategic goal areas are best addressed by the activities above? Check all that apply and describe briefly how the activities will advance the goal(s). View the full plan at <http://www.ila.org/about/strategic-plan>.

- X *Goal area: Advocacy—Legislative Advocacy* – Legislative Meet-ups; trustee training, and Trustee Day programs at the annual conference.
- X *Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy* - Trustee Day programs at the annual conference.
- X *Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession* – Trustee Day, broadening opportunities for trustees to attend board meetings remotely, and increasing the number and geographical location of potential trustees serving on the board.
- X *Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association* – Opportunities to increase trustees' level of involvement of trustees in the association and trustee forum.
- X *Goal area: Delivery of Member Value* – Trusty Trustee newsletter, ongoing trustee training, and Trustee Day at Annual Conference.
- X *Goal area: Leadership* – Increased opportunities for trustees to become leaders in the Trustee Forum.