



Illinois Library Association

ILA Forum Report

Committee or Forum: Trustee Forum

Report completed by: Kathy Caudill, ILA Trustee Forum President/Manager **Date:** May 2, 2022

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Trustee Forum Training Workshops – March 5 and April 2

March 5th Workshop – Illinois Library Trustees: What’s the job and how do I do it?

Presenter, Amanda Standerfer (Fast Forward Libraries) outlined what Illinois library Trustees should do (and not do!) to efficiently and effectively serve the library, including duties, roles, and responsibilities of Trustees, scenarios for discussion, and Q+A. Board-Director relationships and productive meeting tactics were also discussed. There were 66 registered for the March workshop.

April 2nd Workshop - Library Director Evaluation

Moderator Becky Spratford (RA for All and Trustee of the La Grange Public Library) led a discuss with panelists: Eric Corzine (Ela Area Public Library District); Joe Filapek (Aurora Public Library); Linda McDonnell (Six Mile Regional Library District); and Julian Westerhout (Bloomington Public Library). Recognizing that evaluating the director is not a one-size fits all endeavor, Trustees from across the library landscape spoke about their evaluation processes and shared the evaluation tools used by their libraries. There were 86 registered for the April evaluation workshop.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

May 14th Trustee Training Workshop – Streamlining the Budget Process

Speaker James Rachlin (Meristem Advisors, L.L.C.) will provide a deeper dive into the budget and appropriation, levy ordinances, and other legally required reports. Additional topics will include how these relate to budget planning and process so that everything flows together. Jamie will also discuss multiple funds - why libraries may have them and the funds that a library needs. If time permits, the impact of inflation on a library’s budget, and how to plan for it, will be discussed. As of mid-April, there were 79 registered for this budgeting workshop.

2022 ILA Trustee of the Year The Trustee Forum Board meeting will review nominations and select the Trustee of the Year at their June 2 meeting.

Upcoming Scheduled Trustee Forum Board meetings – all meetings will be held via Zoom

- i. Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom.
- ii. August 18, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom.
- iii. October 20, 2022 meeting at the ILA conference on Trustee Day.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board: None at this time.