



Illinois Library Association

ILA Committee and Forum Reports

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will meet on the following dates in 2020-21: 9/24/20, 12/3/20, 3/25/21, and 5/20/21. Reports should be submitted **two weeks before each board meeting** to the board and staff liaison (liaisons are listed on rosters at <http://www.ila.org/about/committees> or <http://www.ila.org/forums>) and the ILA office (email: ila@ila.org).

Committee or Forum: **Trustee Forum**

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Trustee Forum Executive Board meeting – June 5, 2021

The Trustee Forum Executive Board will meet met on June 5, 2021 via a Zoom meeting

- The Board will review evaluations from the trustee training programs March 13th, April 17th, and May 15th. See Trustee Training below.
- The Board will review applications for *2021 Trustee of the Year Award*.
- The Board will review Trustee Program at ILA Conference.
- Trusty Trustee Newsletter – June 2021

Trustee Training

A series of trustee training programs will be offered on Saturday mornings in March, April, and May:

- **March 13– One Year On – Where is Your Library and How Can You Prepare for a Post-COVID World** – Speakers will include directors and board members from Bloomington, Effingham, and Northbrook Public Libraries.
- **April 17 – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the library: What Library Trustees Need to Know** – presented by Anne Phibbs, Founder and President of Strategic Diversity Initiatives.
- **May 15 – Boot Camp for new and seasoned trustees** – including presentations on Finance 101 (Jamie Rachlin, Meristem Advisors LLC) , Succession Planning (Amanda Standerfer, Fast Forward Libraries), and Forging Strong Relationships between library trustees and directors (Christine Westerlund, Vice-President, Chatham Area Public Library Board of Trustees, and Amy Byers, Director, Chatham Area Public Libra

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 – all meetings will be held via Zoom

- June 5, 2021, August 21, 2021

ILA Trustee Workshops

- May 15, 2021 – Boot Camp for new and seasoned trustees

Increasing access and opportunities for diversity/inclusion - We continue our recruitment efforts to seek younger trustees, and those residing in central and southern Illinois, for service on the board. The planned trustee training program on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will hopefully assist in that recruitment effort.

Increasing leadership opportunities - The Trustee Forum board continues to recruit new trustees for board service, offering opportunities for trustees across the state 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, Spring trustee training programs, and legislative meet-ups per Zoom, as well as materials available on the website, all assist in ILA trustee advocacy efforts.

Delivery of Member Value – Trustee trainings, legislative meet-ups, annual conference, Trusty Trustee newsletter, and ever increasing information available on the ILA website hopefully continue to drive trustees to the ILA website, providing an opportunity to learn about the association and membership benefits for trustees.

Activities should be designed to advance the ILA Strategic Plan. Which strategic goal areas are best addressed by the activities above?

- **Goal area: Advocacy**—Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Meet-ups, trustee training sessions, and Trustee Day programs at the annual conference.
- **Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy** – Trustee training dates in March, April, and May, and at ILA annual conference (including Trustee Day programs).
- **Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession** – Virtual annual conference, Zoom trustee trainings, and Zoom Trustee Forum board meetings, make participation available regardless of geographic location, making it possible for more trustees to participate.
- **Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association** – Opportunities are made available to increase trustees' level of involvement in the association, attendance at virtual trainings and conferences, and with the trustee forum.
- **Goal area: Delivery of Member Value** – Accomplished with the Trusty Trustee newsletter, ongoing trustee trainings (annual conference and in March, April, and May), and resources available on the ILA website for trustees.
- **Goal area: Leadership** – Increased opportunities for trustees to become leaders in the Forum.