



Illinois Library Association

## **ILA Forum Report**

**Forum: Library Trustee Forum**

**Report completed by:** Tom Stagg, Library Trustee Forum Manager/President

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### **Activities underway or completed since the last report:**

The Trustee Forum has held one meeting (August 18, 2022) and a breakfast and luncheon at the Annual Conference at the Rosemont Convention Center (October 20, 2022).

#### **Trustee Forum Meeting August 18, 2022**

The Trustee Forum Board meeting was held via Zoom led by President Kathy Caudill. The Meeting included discussions around the Trustee Forum Newsletter the *Trusty Trustee*. Discussed the ILA Advocacy initiative "Ready, Set, Advocate" as the election would see some changes to the elected officials in all library areas. Upcoming Meeting Dates were set and Election of new officers took place. Monique Williams (Harvey Public Library District) was Elected Vice President/ President Elect and Linda Lin (Glencoe Public Library) was elected Secretary. New members elected to the Trustee Forum Board are Joe Filapek, Aurora Public Library, Jennifer Lucas, Barrington Area Library, and Laurie Metanchuk. Wheaton Public Library.

#### **ILA Annual Conference, Awards luncheon October 18, 2022**

Joe Filapek was awarded the Trustee of the Year award. Joe is President of the Aurora Public Library Board. Congratulations to Joe for the achievement.

#### **ILA Annual Conference, Trustee Day October 20, 2022**

There were approximately 110 trustees attending the conference, including about 30 who registered for the full conference. With a show of hands, a large group of trustees attending the conference have been a trustee for four years or less. First conference tags could be seen on many of the badges. Breakfast and lunch were quite busy meeting fellow trustees and seeing many new faces. The Forum had been recruiting for trustees to visit the whole conference. About one third of the trustees did just that. The trustee programs were well attended and even down to the final session. There were a lot of great information for trustees during the whole three days.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

With the Trustee training events in the spring, we will be brainstorming and discussing ideas. The training events have been a great way for trustees to get the latest information about library issues in the state.

Discuss the *Trusty Trustee* newsletter to provide some additional content for the publication. Look at the statistics on the open rate of the emailed newsletter and other data surrounding the newsletter. Discuss what relevant items would be of interest to the trustees.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:

None at this time.

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