Indiana Library Federation
Legislative Committee Minutes
April 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
Indianapolis Public Library
Indianapolis, IN

Attendance: Kelly Ehinger, Jos Holman, Melody Gault (phone), Kristi Howe (phone), MacKenzie Ledley, Matthew Long, Beverly Martin, Michael McCullough (phone), Larry Oathout, Dr. Nazareth Pantaloni (phone), Jake Speer (phone), Terry Rheinheimer(phone), Nick Schenkel and Bill Wiebenga
Absent: Tisa Davis, Carolyn Elliott, Leslie Sutherlin and Edra Waterman

Welcome: The group was welcomed and the meeting was called to order. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes of February 2 and March 1, 2016 as presented by Larry Oathout and seconded by Kelly Ehinger. Motion passed.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence received by the co-chairs.

Legislative Advocates’ Report:
Matt Long gave the legislative update:
Matt noted that the Governor had signed 216 bills into law. He vetoed two bills HEA 1022 and HEA 1082

Legislation that is of Importance:
SB 67 - Road funding bill that includes distribution of income tax to local entities. Libraries will be receiving funds to be deposited in their Rainy Day Funds. Governor by June 1, 2016.
Bev Martin noted that Robyn Young, ILF President is working to establish a contact in the IN Department of Education so that a conversation can be started regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The act includes provisions that enable federal funding to be used for school libraries. However, the funds will have to come through a state agency.
A subcommittee to study the impact of legislation that has made changes in the distribution of local income taxes was discussed. The committee chair will make appointments to the subcommittee.

Discussion:
Committee Recognition: MacKenzie Ledley had asked the Committee members to consider some type of acknowledgement of past Legislative Committee members for their years of service. MacKenzie had emailed a draft of her recommendation and sent it to the committee ahead of the meeting. It was decided through consensus that the committee would make the suggested recognition at the Fall Forum each year.

The award for Legislator of the Year would stay as a part of the Awards and Honors Program at ILF Annual Conference.

ISL Report/Announcements:
State Library attorney, Sylvia Watson will be issuing a statement on the legislation passed this session regarding libraries cards.

ILF Executive Office Report/Announcements:
Registration for the districts conferences is well underway. The Program Committee will meet soon to establish the program for the 2016 Annual Conference. The ILF Search Committee has received over 30 applications for the Executive Director’s position. Interviews will be conducted in late April. The ILF Board hopes to make a final decision in May and have the new Director on board in June.

**Network Coordinator’s Report:** Nick Schenkel reported a relatively quiet session this year. He noted that the committee planned to review the work of the Legislative Network this summer.

**Federal Network Coordinator’s Report:**
National Library Legislative Day is May 2-3, 2016 in Washington, D.C. Terry Rheinheimer announced that she Robin Crumrin, Gigi Shook, and Tara White were the members of this year’s Indiana delegation. The State Library is preparing a report to be shared with congressional members on Indiana’s distribution of LSTA Funds. ILF will solicit letters of thanks from libraries who received any federal funding to be delivered our elected officials.

**Other Business:** Bev noted reported that she had attended a meeting of the AISLE Executive Board. After a discussion of the topic, the group felt there was no future in trying to advance legislation that would address the fact that while public libraries can now pay professional library dues for staff members, school corporations are being told by SBOA that they cannot.

**Next meeting:**
Next meeting will be May 10 at 10 a.m. at the ILF Office.
June 7, 2016 meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. at the ILF Office. There will be no July meeting.
Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by MacKenzie Ledley, second by Larry Oathout.
Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.