Indiana Library Federation
Legislative Committee Minutes
August 4, 2015, 11 a.m.
Indianapolis, IN

Attendance: Susan Akers, Kelly Ehinger, Jane Hall, Jos Holman, Kristi Howe, Sharon Kain, Lissa Krull, Larry Oathout, Nick Schenkel, MacKenzie Ledley, Nick Schenkel, Leslie Sutherlin

Welcome: The group was welcomed and the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June and July meetings were approved upon a motion by Sharon Kain and a second by Larry Oathout. The committee agreed that Dropbox is working for obtaining documents. Liss reported the current meeting would always be in the top folder.

Award Subcommittee: This is the only award that comes from a separate committee then goes to the ILF board for approval. There is a form that discussed Rep. Bob Cherry as the candidate for the ILF’s library advocacy award. The subcommittee will continue to work on developing or revising criteria for this award during the upcoming year. Chairperson Jos Holman called the question to award Mr. Cherry for 2015. All in favor with one nay and no abstentions.

Lissa Krull talked about having open communication when topics of interest arise and a chance for the committee to discuss the topics if and when submitted by others in the library community. She brought up the topic of registered sex offenders as they relate to being library patrons. Indiana Code 35-4-2-11 defines “sex offender” and spells out how many feet away from schools and parks they must stay and provides information on rules as to where they can reside, but libraries are not mentioned in this code. It is possible this could be a topic for discussion at Fall Forum but we, as a committee, need to first educate ourselves and then get our advocates advice.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

Next meeting: Tues., Sept. 8 at 10.30 am, ILF office park, Indianapolis.