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

Welcome: The group was welcomed by co-chair Jos N. Holman and the meeting was called to order. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the April 5th minutes was postponed because a quorum was not achieved.

Correspondence:  
No correspondence was received by the committee co-chairs.

Legislative Advocates’ Report:
Matt Long presented a detailed report on the Indiana May primary. He mentioned the results of several key races in the state. A few specifics included:

- There were actual challengers in the races of senators Luke Kenley and David Long
- In Avon, senator Pete Miller was defeated by John Crane
- In Fort Wayne incumbent Casey Cox was defeated by Dave Heine
- Based on voter confusion related to a familiar sounding name, surprising Matt Prime lost his race
- In Greenwood, representative Waltz gave up his seat
- There are several new names because of recent retirements
- There are a couple of recounts related to open seats

Carolyn Elliott reported that Legislative Council will assign study committee topics on May 25th. Elliott reminded the committee the total number of study committees was narrowed down in a previous session. Also, Elliott reported that State Representative Harmon is very interested in the potential of local taxing units sharing tax dollars. The most recent law (SB 67) only created the study committee. The action was not actually mandated by state statute. Elliott strongly urged the legislative committee to create a sub-committee to look at Local Option Income Taxes. The information from the state library can serve as a beginning analysis for the work of the sub-committee. Also, Elliott indicated the legislative committee should consider if a thorough review of the “library code” would be beneficial to the library community. There could be an upside or downside to the activity, but we won’t know until it is done. Elliott suggested the library community consider revising the code before someone else thinks about doing so. This could be a 2-3 year project.

Elliott mentioned the next legislative session will include a budget year. The funding of INSPIRE and additional connectivity are topics the committee should consider, especially if it is believed additional funds are necessary. Specific reasons are needed to justify increased dollars. The hot topic of the session will be funding for statewide transportation improvements. Finally, Elliott stated there needs to be frank reactions to the new
non-binding review as reflected in Senate Bill 321. What does the library community think about the change? Those of us in attendance indicated our belief that it was a good change.

As a side note, MacKenzie Ledley reported her library hosted an event with two of the library’s local legislators, Senator Charbonneau and Representative Gutwein. The event went very well. Elliott suggested more libraries consider inviting their legislators and hosting these type of events.

**Fall Forum Potential Dates:**
Those in attendance held a brief discussion on the ILF Fall Forum. A few comments were made about last year’s forum and its success. A few ideas for potential speakers/topics were thrown out. The ideas included Senator Luke Kenley or Courtney Schaafsma, a representative of the Department of Local Government Finance. By consensus those in attendance suggested the forum be held the first Tuesday in October. The group acknowledged the venue may have to change based on the completion of renovations at The Mansion at Oak Hill. A couple of suggestions for alternative venues were Bridgewater Country Club and a renovated Marsh Store. It was agreed that parking and securing a caterer were key details regarding a venue decision.

**Update Legislative Committee Member Recognition**
No update was given.

**Update Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**
Carolyn Elliott shared information about this topic which was gathered through discussion with ILF President Robyn Young. Funds will likely be distributed through the Department of Education or Governor Pence’s office. There are no specifics about how to access the funds. President Young has a scheduled meeting where more details are expected to be shared.

**ISL Report/Announcements:**
Wendy Knapp reminded the committee of the upcoming Budget Workshops being held at the Indiana State Library on the 15th and 21st of June.

**ILF Executive Office Report/Announcements:**
No report was available because of a conflict with ILF staff attending district conferences.

**Network Coordinator’s Report:** Nick Schenkel had nothing specific to report.

**Federal Network Coordinator’s Report:**
Terry Rheinheimer reported on the recent trip to Washington D.C. for National Library Legislative Day. Rheinheimer indicated it was a good meeting. The committee met with almost all the federal legislators or members of their staff. Overall, the legislators and their staff were very friendly, knowledgeable, and supportive. Only one legislator did not vote for the ESSA. The group encouraged the legislators to hold meetings back home at the libraries in their districts. Also, information was shared with legislators on Indiana’s distribution of LSTA Funds. Also, attending for ILF was Robin Crumrin, Leslie Sutherlin, and Gigi Shook.

**Next meeting:**
Next meeting will be June 7th at 10 a.m. at the ILF Office.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Nick Schenkel.