Indiana Library Federation  
Legislative Committee Minutes  
September 8, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.  
Indianapolis, IN  

Attendance: Susan Akers, Tisa Davis, Kelly Ehinger, Carolyn Elliott, Melody Gault, Jane Hall (phone), Jos Holman, Sharon Kain (phone), Michael McCullough (phone), Larry Oathout, Dr. Nazareth Pantaloni (phone), Nick Schenkel, Jake Speer, Bill Wiebenga  
Guests: Beverly Gard (phone)  

Absent: Kristi Howe, Terry Rheinheimer, Leslie Sutherlin  

Welcome: The group was welcomed and called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.  

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Nick Schenkel and seconded by Melody Gault to approve the August 2015 minutes. Motion carried.  

Correspondence: None reported  

Legislative Advocates’ Report:  
- This will be a "short" session and headline items may include road funding and remnants of RFRA  
- The Education interim study committee will be meeting on September 8 to discuss changes to I-STEP testing  
- Fall Forum – will include a skit by the “Fil-E-Buster Players” about the General Assembly, Carolyn is developing a list of takeaways to include. Carolyn asks that committee members send her ideas as to what they’d like to see accomplished. Jos challenged each member of the committee to do so.  
- Organization Day for the Indiana General Assembly will be November 17  
- Nick Schenkel ask if libraries should be worried about the collating of LOITs bill that passed last session. This was discussed by committee and Carolyn feels this will be more of a local issue than a state issue  

Legislative Forum Final Details:  
- Forum will be on October 6, 2015 at The Mansion at Oak Hill in Carmel, registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the welcome at 9 a.m.  
- “Save the Date” postcards have been sent to all library directors  
- A draft of the agenda is now online  
- Lissa Krull has developed goals for the day:  
  - Get comfortable with your legislators  
  - Understand the process  
  - Follow your advocates lead  

Sub-Committee Report: Award Criteria (committee consists of Jane Hall, Larry Oathout, and Nick Schenkel)  
Committee developed criteria for the Library Advocacy Award, it can be found in committee Drop-box acct. After much discussion, a motion was made by Bill Wiebenga to accept the criteria with two modifications 1) during a long-session, due date of final nominations will be moved to mid-April instead of mid-March 2) a nomination form (application) be developed by sub-committee  
Motion was seconded by Kelly Ehinger. Motion carried.
Use of Drop-Box:
A Drop-Box account has been developed for use by the Legislative Committee. Any agendas, minutes, or forms can be found in this account. The newest information will be in the first box labeled “aa-current meeting items.” New committee members will be sent the link to the account.

Network Coordinator’s Report: Nick Schenkel will be contacting coordinators and encouraging them to attend Fall Forum. Communication to members of legislative issues will continue as it was last year.

Federal Network Coordinator’s Report: No report

- ISL Report/Announcements:
  - ISL partnered with the DOE to have a booth at the Indiana State Fair
  - Attendance at the State Library has been increasing
  - INSPIRE webinars put out by the State Library have been well received by library community
  - ILS had developed a Resource Sharing Committee to review and create a state-wide catalog sharing (state-wide interlibrary loan) system. A pilot group will begin using this system in the fall
  - ISL is preparing to construct an early reading and visitor center
  - Library certification: a new public library certification is being developed for libraries with less than 3,000 and ISL will be offering more LEU opportunities
  - Also working on a provision for college student and summer visitor for the PLAC card. ISL would like for libraries to be able to issue a pro-rated card for these groups. Committee discussion followed with request for ISL to review data of the percentage of library patrons this would affect. Jake Speer will research this.

ILF Executive Office Report/Announcements:
- ILF office hopes to be able to use their new video conferencing equipment in the near future for board and committee meetings
- ILF would like support for Sara Laughlin who will be running for ALA President
- ILF staff have been working hard with seven events in seven weeks
- ILF now has almost 2,000 personal and trustee members
- An Endowment merger ballot is being developed and will be sent along with the board ballot soon

Other Business:
- Lissa Krull is stepping-down from her position as co-chair of the Legislative Committee. A new co-chair will be selected by ILF President, Sen. Beverly Gard.

- IPLA has submitted newly appointed legislative members to the ILF Board for approval. Appointed members include:
  - Melody Gault, Franklin County Public Library District Director (to fill Alexix Caudell’s unexpired 2015-2017 term)
  - Second term for Larry Oathout (2016-2018), Evansville Vanderburgh County Public Library Acting Director
  - First full term for MacKenzie Ledley (2016-2018), Pulaski County Public Library Director
  - Second term for Kelly Ehinger (2016-2018), Adams Public Library System Director
  - IPLA Liaison (2016) – president (as yet unnamed) of IPLA

- Bill W. requested that someone take notes during the Fall Forum and bring those to the November meeting for the action agenda
Next meeting:
There will not be an October Legislative Committee meeting. The next meeting will be November 10, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the ILF office.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Larry Oathout and seconded by Kelly Ehinger for the meeting to adjourn, 12:15 p.m.