

**Indiana Library Federation
Legislative Committee Minutes
November 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at**

Attendance: Ann Abel, Susan Akers, John Barnett, Tisa Davis, Carolyn Elliott, Jane Hall, Jos Holman, Laura Johnson, Sharon Kain (phone), Wendy Knapp (phone) Sarah Later, Matt Long, Dianne Osborne (phone), Terry Rheinheimer (phone), Nick Schenkel, Laurel Setser

Absent: Roberta Brooker, Robin Crumrin, Jeffrey Krull, Betty Martin, Beverly Martin, Carol McKey, Ann O'Bryan, Carolyn Walters, William Wiebenga

Welcome: Laurel Setser welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Jane Hall made a motion to approve the September legislative committee minutes and Jos Holman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Advocates Update: Carolyn and Ann Abel reported on some AISLE issues. They both believe that the biggest issue for the AISLE members will be the evaluations that schools are to prepare and start using to evaluate teachers and school librarians.

Matt gave us the list of important dates for the session. There are many factors that could impact this coming session. First of all, it is a short session. Secondly, the Super Bowl is going to force any of the representatives or senators who stay in Indy hotels during the session, to vacate during the week of the Super Bowl. In all probability, that will cause the session to lose another week. We are still waiting to hear if the Right to Work issue will be introduced. There is no definitive answer on this as of yet. If a bill was introduced for this, it could also call a halt to session proceedings. We will be monitoring this as it could have potential repercussions for librarians who are members of unions. Finally, since it is an election year after a re-districting, most of the legislators will be eager to return home and begin campaigning.

John announced Senator Guard is retiring after 24 years. Senator Gard was a big advocate for libraries and will be missed.

Agenda Discussion: We discussed the action plan. It will look fairly similar to last year's plan. There were some items brought up at the forum that cannot be dealt with in a legislative manner. Included in this are: inability to sell out-of-state residents Indiana library cards (I am waiting on a definitive course of action but we believe this can be accomplished through an interlocal agreement and the ISL has said that they will provide members with the steps needed) and the potential impact of post office closings. Most of the other items listed will be shown as areas to monitor. In these instances, we look for opportunities to partner with other associations and find ways to be included in their strategies. The action plan will be available at the annual conference. We have begun gathering firearm "horror stories". If members hear of any incidents that occurred due to the new more lenient firearm law, please send it to a member of the legislative committee.

The Legislative Committee has also been asked to consider legislation that would allow ILF member libraries to be rated as a single group for health insurance coverage instead of being rated as individuals. I checked to make sure but this is a rule under "The Guidelines for Small Group Health Insurance" from the Department of Insurance and not a law.

ISL Report/Announcements: None

ILF Executive Office Report/Announcements: Susan Akers welcomed Tisa Davis to the committee, she will be replacing Amanda Turney at the ILF office.

Federal Network Coordinator's Report: Nick Schenkel reminded everyone how important "face to face" is and asked advocates of the chances that little will be accomplished at the next session. John said due to the time limit on the next session, this is quite possible.

Next Meeting: December 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the ILF office.

Adjournment: Laurel Setser adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.