

## Indiana Library Federation Legislative Committee

### Meeting Summary August 2, 2011

John and Carolyn reported to the committee. They do not anticipate that any of the summer committees will be discussing anything that will involve libraries. Organization day will be November 22, 2011 and the 2012 session will get started on January 3, 2012. Sine die is March 14 but it could be earlier due to 2012 elections. There will be three separate sessions on legislative topics at the annual conference on November 15. The State Board of Education meets August 3, 2011 to work on rules they will be promulgating as a result of the legislation that passed last session. (eg, criteria and evaluation categories for teachers). Carolyn noted that she had not heard from any AISLE members whether they had any thoughts on the rules that are being proposed. Adult Basic Education has been moved to Workforce Development. The question was raised as to whether the advocated thought the consolidation issue would come up again. John answered that he thinks Gov. Daniels will talk about it as part of his legislative agenda but he does not think it will pick up much steam with the legislators. The issue has been introduced for the past two sessions and gone nowhere. He feels that Sen. Lawson (chair for the committee that would receive this type of legislation) feels that the issue has been presented and failed in both sessions and that she has little enthusiasm for entertaining the idea again. However, we will continue to monitor. He is also monitoring the gun issue with other organizations that represent local government officials. If we hear that one of the big players (Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, Indiana Association of Counties, Indiana Sheriff's Association, etc.) persuades anyone to introduce legislation to restrict this, we will support them and do what we can to change this legislation.

The Fall Legislative Forum will be held on October 4, 2011 at the Mansion at Oak Hill. Last year's format where attendees submitted issues and ideas before the Forum worked very well and we will use that again. Laurel and Sarah are going to talk with representatives from the State Library and see if it would be possible to present findings from the Broadband Summit this summer and ways we could use this information to convince legislators that libraries need more funds to continue offering access to e-government and other services that are only being offered through computer. Susan is going to contact John Ketzenberger who is President of the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute to see if he would be our speaker.

Susan reported that the Indiana State Library is offering financial support for annual conference this year and is very excited about this partnership.

The next meeting will be on September 6, 2011 in the conference room of the 911 building at 10:00 a.m.