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RAILS Board Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Monica Caldicott

The Advocacy Committee met on March 13, 2025. The next meeting is May 8, 2025.

Ashley Stewart, Campaign Strategist for EveryLibrary, gave a presentation titled Speaking with Legislators. The presentation covered political psychology, planning, strategy, messaging, and resources related to library advocacy. Harris reported on the bills the ILA Public Policy Committee is watching as well as an overview of the ALA LLX reports on legislation and intellectual freedom. The topic of the May 8th meeting will be Crisis Communication Plans.

Consortia Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Executive Committee Report - Chair Rene Leyva

The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 17, 2025. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

There are two recommendations from the Committee seeking Board approval on the Board agenda.

Nominating Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

The Committee met on Friday, March 21, 2025. The next meeting is April 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

The Committee discussed the election process, duties of the Committee, and the recruitment of candidates for the upcoming Board election.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

The next meeting is on March 20, 2025.

Resource Sharing Committee Report - Chair Julie Milavec

The next meeting is April 28, 2025.

The Committee met on March 21, 2025.

The members discussed the progress of their projects related to the 2024 Universal Services plan and the need for more in-depth research and analysis of how other states provide library services to their residents. They also have the possibility of conducting a new survey of community colleges in connection with that issue, and upcoming legislative actions related to libraries. The committee also considered submitting a proposal for a presentation or a poster session regarding the Unserved during the ALA conference.