

Advocacy Committee

Description

CHARGE: The WLA Advocacy Committee develops, promotes, and engages in regular advocacy efforts and library advocacy initiatives on behalf of the organization while promoting individual advocacy opportunities to WLA members. The WLA Advocacy Committee advises the WLA Board, staff, and members, to ensure that the interests of libraries, staff, and volunteers are represented.

The Advocacy Committee is open to any WLA member who has an interest in serving, especially members with experience and interest in advocacy efforts. A minimum one-year commitment is expected of participants with the possibility to serve longer if desired. Interested members should email info@wla.org to discuss joining. Committee members are appointed by the Chair.

Responsibilities

- Meeting frequency is typically monthly, and meetings generally last up to one hour.
- Advise the WLA Board to ensure that Advocacy Requests escalate and receive action in a timely manner.
- Gather information and updates on current advocacy efforts or needs in our community and distribute updates to the WLA community.
- Identify opportunities for WLA to become involved in community advocacy efforts.
- Work closely with the Legislative Committee to identify advocacy needs that require legislative action.
- Attend annual Library Legislative Day if able.

Positions

Committee Co-Chairs

- Appointed by WLA Board President.
- Plan and guide monthly Advocacy Committee meetings.
- Advise the WLA board and staff.
- Appoint additional members to the committee as needed.

In addition to committee members and co-chairs, the Member Services Committee will also include the:

- President (ex-officio)
- WLA Executive Director
- WLA Office Liaison