

Lewis & Clark Library System  
Long-Range Plan  
2008 –2010

**Goals and Strategies**

- Results will be documented through monthly reporting structures.
- Implementation will begin immediately.
- Strategy specifics will be addressed in the Annual Plan of Service.

**GOAL A: Support organizational stewardship and sustainability**

**STRATEGIES:**

- Invest in the resources necessary to recruit and retain quality employees; ensure System staff competence as responsibilities evolve
- Evaluate programs and services to increase efficiency and effectiveness
- Assess policies and procedures and revise as appropriate
- Pursue opportunities to adapt and strengthen infrastructure
- Focus on continuous improvement
- Research, identify, and implement supplemental funding sources for LCLS

**GOAL B: Orient members to new and evolving opportunities and challenges impacting library services**

**STRATEGIES:**

- Provide relevant consulting to share discoveries and assist members in improving the effectiveness of library services
- Support staff development of libraries through professional-development programs and consulting services
- Increase the reach of professional development
- Partner with educational organizations, consortia, and library organizations to enhance professional development opportunities
- Share new information, ideas, and trends obtained via conferences, training, and the reading of professional and trade literature

**GOAL C: Strengthen alliances and partnerships**

**STRATEGIES:**

- Seek projects and/or funding with regional and/or statewide library implications
- Pursue appropriate partnerships with nonlibrary organizations to advocate the value of libraries
- Share resources, expertise, and knowledge with other regional multitype Library Systems
- Represent members in regional, state, and national library and policy forums

**GOAL D: Enhance resource sharing among LCLS members**

**STRATEGIES:**

- Provide courier services to deliver materials
- Act as legal authority for the Local Library System Automation Project (LLSAP), known as GateNet
- Identify and communicate best methods for group discounts
- Investigate larger units of shared resources
- Support effective use of OCLC services
- Encourage member participation in statewide initiatives
- Promote the development of digital repositories and digital archives

**GOAL E: Innovate to proactively manage change**

**STRATEGIES:**

- Investigate the development of a statewide research center
- Identify and implement future services that will transform System and library services
- Promote new pathways of communication

Adopted by Lewis & Clark Library System Board Action November 20, 2007



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**[CEOSystem 455] Open Meetings Act**

1 message

McKay, Bob &lt;bobm@palsnet.info&gt;

Tue, Feb 10, 2009 at 8:56 AM

To: "ceosystem@lcls.org" &lt;ceosystem@lcls.org&gt;

Dave Winters, R-68, Rockford, is sponsoring our OMA bill. It is HB793. Follow the link below to his bills and then bio. As you can see from his educational background, he is a smart, well-educated farmer. He immediately identified with our geography problems and was willing to sponsor. Inara has worked with him and his Rockford office staff a lot over the last five years. Her connection was very helpful.

<http://tinyurl.com/artc9t>

Bob

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The Prairie Area Library System is one of nine multi-type library systems cooperating to provide vital services to the citizens of Illinois.

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**Bill Status of HB0793** 96th General Assembly

**Short Description:** OPEN MEETINGS-PHYSICAL QUORUM

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dave Winters (R) 68<sup>th</sup> District

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2009	House	Referred to <u>Rules Committee</u>

**Statutes Amended In Order of Appearance**

5 ILCS 120/2.01

from Ch. 102, par. 42.01

5 ILCS 120/7

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Permits a public body with statewide jurisdiction or with jurisdiction over more than 4,500 square miles to include members participating in a video or audio conference at specified locations when determining the physical presence of a quorum at an open meeting (now, a public body with statewide jurisdiction may include members participating in a video conference at specified locations when determining the physical presence of a quorum at an open meeting). Provides that the requirement that members of a public body with less than statewide jurisdiction be physically present at a closed meeting is limited to public bodies with jurisdiction over 4,500 or fewer square miles. Effective immediately.

**Actions**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2009	House	Filed with the Clerk by <u>Rep. Dave Winters</u>
2/9/2009	House	<b>First Reading</b>
2/9/2009	House	Referred to <u>Rules Committee</u>

***Who is covered by this proposal?***

Six Illinois Regional Library Systems.

- Alliance, 14,008 sq. miles
- Lewis and Clark, 4,915
- Lincoln Trail, 5,868

- Prairie Area, 11,125
- Rolling Prairie, 4,639
- Shawnee, 12,719

***Why change?***

Technology improves participation. Library Systems use video, telephone conferences, and desktop video for “public meetings” that aren’t covered by the Open Meetings Act. These technologies enable Library Systems to be more “open”. More people can attend meetings and be active in activities.

The face-to-face meeting requirement of the OMA put an unreasonable burden on the volunteers who comprise the Library System Boards of Directors.

- Under the current OMA, all Library System Boards of Directors meetings must be face-to-face.
- Driving to and from meetings in large Library Systems often takes more than four (4) hours.
- Meetings themselves can take three (3) to four (4) hours, counting meals.
- This means volunteer board members must commit a full work day for every board meeting.
- By law, Library Systems must have nine meetings a year.

*Given these facts, an active, effective Library System Board member often must spend the equivalent of two weeks of work time on their volunteer position every year. This limits who may participate and makes participation on Library Systems a burden, rather than a pleasure.*

***Aren’t some other public bodies under the Open Meetings Act larger than 4,500 square miles, but less than the entire state?***

No. The largest community college is Lincoln Land. Its service area is 4,115 square miles. The largest regional planning organization is WCDC (West Central Development Council, Carlinville) at 4,198 square miles. The largest county is McLean at 1,183 square miles.

***Why not set a lower limit and include more organizations?***

We can demonstrate that using electronic technology improves board participation and public access at our public meetings. In the future, other organizations may want to build on our example. Our inability to using electronic communications to support public meetings is a pressing issue for large, regional library systems. We need a remedy.

**Illinois Open Meetings Act**  
**Library System Request for Change to the Illinois Open Meetings Act**  
**January, 2009**

Proposed changes are in underlined and italicized in the excerpts from the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

(5 ILCS 120/2.01) (from Ch. 102, par. 42.01)

Sec. 2.01. All meetings required by this Act to be public shall be held at specified times and places which are convenient and open to the public. No meeting required by this Act to be public shall be held on a legal holiday unless the regular meeting day falls on that holiday.

A quorum of members of a public body must be physically present at the location of an open meeting. If, however, an open meeting of a public body (except one with jurisdiction limited to a specific geographic area that is less than statewide or one with jurisdiction over an area of more than 4,500 square miles) is held simultaneously at one of its offices and one or more other locations in a public building, which may include other of its offices, through an interactive video or audio conference and the public body provides public notice and public access as required under this Act for all locations, then members physically present in those locations all count towards determining a quorum. "Public building", as used in this Section, means any building or portion thereof owned or leased by any public body. The requirement that a quorum be physically present at the location of an open meeting shall not apply, however, to State advisory boards or bodies that do not have authority to make binding recommendations or determinations or to take any other substantive action.

A quorum of members of a public body that is not a public body with statewide jurisdiction or one with jurisdiction over an area of more than 4,500 square miles must be physically present at the location of a closed meeting. Other members who are not physically present at a closed meeting of such a public body may participate in the meeting by means of a video or audio conference.

(Source: P.A. 94-1058, eff. 1-1-07.)

(5 ILCS 120/7)

Sec. 7. Attendance by a means other than physical presence.

(a) If a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present as required by Section 2.01, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of: (i) personal illness or disability; (ii) employment purposes or the business of the public body; or (iii) a family or other emergency. "Other means" is by video or audio conference.

(b) If a member wishes to attend a meeting by other means, the member must notify the recording secretary or clerk of the public body before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical.

(c) A majority of the public body may allow a member to attend a meeting by other means only in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the public body. The rules must conform to the requirements and restrictions of this Section, may further limit the extent to which attendance by other means is allowed, and may provide for the giving of additional notice to the public or further facilitate public access to meetings.

(d) The limitations of this Section shall not apply to (i) closed meetings of public bodies with statewide jurisdiction or jurisdiction over areas of more than 4,500 square miles (ii) open or closed meetings of State advisory boards or bodies that do not have authority to make binding recommendations or determinations or to take any other substantive action. State advisory boards or bodies and public bodies with statewide jurisdiction or with jurisdiction over an area of more than 4,500 square miles, however, may permit members to attend meetings by other means only in accordance with and to the extent allowed by specific procedural rules adopted by the body.

(Source: P.A. 94-1058, eff. 1-1-07.)



**96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2009 and 2010**

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Open Meetings Act is amended by changing  
5 Sections 2.01 and 7 as follows:

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23 procedural rules adopted by the body.

24 (Source: P.A. 94-1058, eff. 1-1-07.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
26 becoming law.

2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting  
Tina Hubert, Illinois Chapter Councilor

Sunday, January 25, 2009

9:00 am – Information Session

Candidates for President Elect:

Kenton Oliver, Executive Director, Stark County Dist Library, Ohio

Roberta Stevens, Outreach Projects & Partnerships Officer, LC, Washington DC

Illinois Candidates for Councilor at Large:

Nanette Donohue, Tech Services Manager, Champaign PL

Tracie Hall, Principal Consultant, The GoodSeed Group, Chicago

Gail Tobin, Branch Coordinator, Hanover Park Branch, Schaumburg TDL

Patricia Hogan, Director, Poplar Creek Library, Streamwood

Nann Blaine Hilyard, Director, Zion-Benton PL

Al Kagen, U of I African Studies Library, U of I

Voting occurs March 17 – April 24 – completely online (although print ballots are available by request if no Internet access or disability). Election results will be announced May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We previewed a cool video on "Being a Councilor." This will be on both You Tube and the ALA Web site.

10:00 am – APA Information Session

LSSCP (Library Support Staff Certification Program) – Nancy Bolt reported that it will be taken to ALA- APA Ex Board at the upcoming annual conference. Expect to begin accepting candidates January 2, 2010.

10:45 am – Council I

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/additup/index.cfm>

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/index.cfm>

Keith M. Fiels – oral report on council transparency. Governance office currently in process of working with several folks to attempt to develop a master matrix with the costs associated with increased access and electronic participation. 1<sup>st</sup> draft expected to be ready to discuss with BARC in May in order to be shared with council at the Annual meeting. Looking at ways to make records of proceedings more widely available.

Monday, January 26, 2009

10:15 am – APA Council

The APA is being restructured to be more integrated in ALA budgetarily.

Standing Committee on the Salaries & Status of Library Workers

Fair Pay Act

Paycheck Fairness Act

When at annual in Chicago, 2 resolutions will come forward: 1) overtime pay, and 2) outsourcing.

Also at annual, a popular program that was presented in Anaheim will be presented again: Toot Your Horn: Image Building with Donna Cardillo.

1:30 pm – Chapter Relations Committee II

ALA representatives would like to appear at Chapter conferences to hold an ALA forum to assist in formulating "the foci of the next ALA strategic plan." I have emailed Dan and Sharon Wiseman, conference co-chairs requesting they respond to Michael Dowling (ALA Chapter Relations) regarding this request.

Aside: Nann Blaine Hilyard suggested that ILSDO put together some type of practical resource for libraries to respond to the Consumer Protection Safety Act. Emily Sheketoff from the Washington Office suggests not to do anything (other than call those folks in DC – both the acting chair and Tom Moore) regarding books – she strongly expects that library books will be exempted from the Act. The Act impacts anybody with any product (owned or produced) created for a child under 12. (see below for a further development on this topic)

April 14<sup>th</sup> is National Library Workers Day.

The Stimulus – America Recovery Reinvestment Act – is \$79 Billion total. Of that amount, approximately \$30 billion will be available to be spent at the discretion of Governors. Need to lobby for \$ coming to the state – probably need to contact Lt Gov Pat Quinn to get him on board now. Look at what happened in Milwaukee where the mayor kept the public library in \$ with police & fire when every other department received a 20% cut. Mayor stated that the public library is the safety net for the community.

FY2009 Fed budget ready to be passed any day now. More for LSTA & school improvement. Obama is interested in the SKILLS Act.

E-government becoming more important. Public & community college libraries will be called upon for this effort. Wash Office is producing a tool kit to support the libraries. Looking for local governments to partner with local libraries.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

9:15 am – Council II

Pat Hogan, Poplar Creek, Streamwood Illinois was elected to the Executive Board.

Major discussion (both council 2 & 3) revolved around electronic member participation; see more at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/council/councilcommittees/tfoemp.cfm>

Pat Hogan asked if I would initiate a memorial resolution about Jane Shaw for Annual conference. I agreed to do so.

1:30 Chapter Forum

Chapter councilors are interested in a hosted event/reception in Chicago at annual, open to all councilors not only chapter councilors. Money collected above what is needed to cover the costs of the event will be donated to the ALA-APA. Tina will follow up with ILA Chicago office staff to see what kind of venues might be available, and what arrangements might be able to be made.

Discussion revolved around communications – especially when new chapter councilors come on board. Several documents regarding chapter councilors were handed out. I will share these with the new chapter councilor when that person has been elected.

6:00 Chapter Councilors Reception -- Denver Public Library

The Denver Chapter Councilor made arrangements for a small catered event for chapter councilors. Councilors paid \$25.00 to cover food costs as well as a donation to the Spectrum Scholarship fund.

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

8:00 am -- Council III

Mention was made that lead and books is being put on hold by the commission while they investigate the issue. There is no action required of libraries at this time.

All council related information can and, if not already there, will be able to be accessed at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/council/index.cfm>

Additional interesting information:

Freedom to Read Foundation will have a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Sunday July 12 in the Modern Wing of the Art Institute of Chicago see [www.ft rf.org/ft rf gala](http://www.ft rf.org/ft rf gala) for more information.

Talking Library Value to local government and schools:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/cro/chapters/valueoflibraries/talkinglibraryvalue.cfm>



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February 9, 2009

Dear Mr. DeCleene:

On behalf of the Lewis & Clark Library System Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the IMRF Board and staff for the proactive stance being taken to provide balance in assessments with employer economic challenges even though IMRF has fallen extremely short of actuarial projections. I applaud the prudent investment decisions made by IMRF and appreciate that IMRF market performance was still better than the Dow Jones, the S&P, NSDAQ, and the International Market. I further respect that IMRF has been 100% fully funded until the 2008 losses that resulted in a drop to 69.7% funded.

I want to thank IMRF for taking a holistic approach to the current financial situation by making recommendations that take into consideration current and potential retirees, current employer financial situations, and the long term financial stability of IMRF. We support the recommendations to modify actuarial techniques by:

- 1) Changing the amortization period for over and under funding to 30 year rolling for taxing bodies and 10 year rolling for non-taxing bodies
- 2) Widening the 15% corridor to 20%, allowing a greater amount of investment losses to be carried forward in the five year smoothing.

We also support the recommendation to adopt a phase-in plan beginning 2010, which will cap most employer rates at a fixed 10%, 7.5%, or 5% cap percentages. I understand that each participating organization will still be encouraged to contribute the full actuarial required contribution (ARC). I also understand that any institution contributing less than the ARC will be required to record a net pension obligation on their books for the difference between what is contributed and the ARC.

I want to thank IMRF for being so proactive and innovative in the approach to balance full funding needs with employer financial realities. I encourage the IMRF Board to adopt these recommendations.

If I can provide further information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I will be happy to appear at an IMRF Board meeting and provide additional information that might encourage adoption of these recommendations which will allow the Lewis & Clark Library System to continue its participation in IMRF without overwhelming hardship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Hubert". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

Tina Hubert  
Executive Director



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-----Original Message-----

From: Tina Hubert (<mailto:tinah@lcls.org>)  
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:24 PM  
To: Louis Kosiba  
Cc: Juliette Douglas; [board@lcls.org](mailto:board@lcls.org)  
Subject: IMRF February Board Meeting

Dear Mr. Kosiba,

Thank you once again for your letter and explanation regarding the amortization time period for those IMRF members that are non-taxing bodies (such as the Lewis & Clark Library System). I shared your letter with my Board of Directors at their January 20th meeting. I will be attending the February 27th IMRF Board meeting in Oak Brook.

It has come to my attention that IMRF has, since the time of your letter, decided to perhaps reconsider the length of amortization time periods for all IMRF members. I understand that it might be helpful for me to send another letter in support of such a possibility and I will do so in time for Mr. Richard DeCicco to receive it before February 13th.

If there is any additional information I might provide to further this cause, please do feel free to let me know at your convenience.

With best regards,  
Tina

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Tina Hubert to board, Juliette

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McKay, Bob	If someone else sent this to our group, sorry, but here is what the Comptroll...	1:37 PM (20 hours ago)
McKay, Bob	Sony, forgot to say in this note that I left a message for Greg. Will relay ...	2:08 PM (20 hours ago)
Tina Hubert	Bob, Thanks for the heads-up. I appreciate your letting me know and wonder if...	9:59 AM (26 minutes ago)
Tina Hubert	FYI...	10:08 AM (20 minutes ago)
McKay, Bob	Inara is on the e-newsletters of a number of Reps and Senator. She then forwa...	10:04 AM (21 minutes ago)
Tina Hubert	Thanks - good to know!	10:08 AM (19 minutes ago)
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Greg returned my call this am. He said the December L and L money has not been credited to a payable fund yet. When it is, we are likely to get a payment (or payments) that will raise our revenue for APC grants to close to 90% of expected revenue. He expects this to occur soon. (Technically, the L and L money has been received. However, for the money to be spendable, there has to be enough general fund working cash to enable the payment to made and that's the rub.) So, seems like when ILSDO is meeting in Peoria, we will be able to expect to receive 90% of our APC probably before Governor Quinn makes his budget address on March 18. Quinn's budget address likely will be very important in understanding what is likely with the last 10% of APC for FY2009.

Greg talked about the "lapse period" -- the last few months of a fiscal year when the revenue received in the current fiscal year gets credited to the following budget year apparently. In principle, when the State is so far behind in bills, as it is this year, it creates the pressure to lose some of the obligations from the current fiscal year. Result: hold back, interestingly, he said Biago has been holding money back from the Universities for last several years -- quietly. That got me going on the how he'd deliver that message to University Presidents or his minors who would pass his intent along. Ahh, glad we're headed for a period of more civil language from the Governor's office. Civility helps, even if the situation isn't greatly improved.

Bob

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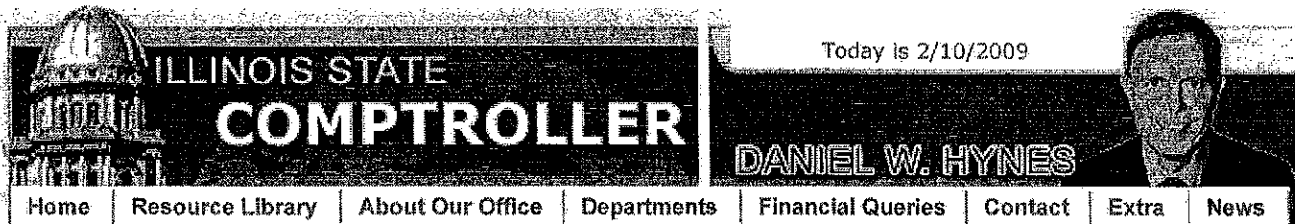
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February 4, 2009

The Honorable Pat Quinn  
 Illinois Governor  
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Dear Governor Quinn,

Illinois faces an unprecedented series of challenges in the months ahead. The accompanying report offer a sobering assessment of Illinois finances as the state transitions to a new governor and new leadership in the General Assembly. I would respectfully request that you review this report carefully. My staff and I are prepared to answer any questions you may have as to its contents.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Hynes  
 Comptroller

Cc: Lisa Madigan-Illinois Attorney General  
 Jesse White-Illinois Secretary of State  
 Alexi Giannoulias-Illinois Treasurer  
 All Members of the General Assembly

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**Illinois Office of the Comptroller  
Transitional Fiscal Report/FY 2010 Budgetary Outlook**

**Summary**

The development of the fiscal year 2010 Illinois state budget will be a formidable and unprecedented challenge. Based on current revenue and expenditure estimates, the existing imbalance in the fiscal year 2009 budget, and deteriorating economic conditions; **a budget deficit of approximately \$8.95 billion** will need to be addressed as the fiscal year 2010 budget is structured. After factoring in potential stimulus funds as included in existing congressional estimates, the state may still face a \$6 billion deficit. **This is with no expenditure growth beyond current fiscal year 2009 appropriations** with the exception of Medicaid and pension contribution increases mandated by statute.

**How did we get here?**

Illinois is currently struggling with a major imbalance in its fiscal year 2009 budget. According to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), the 2009 budget, as initially approved by the General Assembly, authorized spending in excess of \$2.1 billion over then-anticipated revenues. Former Governor Blagojevich responded by cutting approximately \$1.5 billion from the budget and indicated he would attempt to manage the rest through budgetary controls. In reality, \$500 million of these "cuts" were accomplished by further extending payment delays to Medicaid providers and were not true service or cost decreases.

Since then, Illinois' revenues have gradually deteriorated due to the national economic recession with income taxes flat and sales taxes down. There have also been significant drops in gaming, inheritance tax, interest income and other base revenue sources. Both GOMB and the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (CoGFA) published revised revenue estimates in November and December. These estimates show a fiscal year 2009 General Funds revenue forecast that is lower than actual fiscal year 2008 revenues, and between \$1 billion and \$1.3 billion below the unofficial budget assumptions. Revenue collections over the past two months and a significant decrease in expected gaming license proceeds indicate that even these lowered estimates will not be met.

In addition to the above-mentioned budgetary problems that occurred in FY 2009, the state now must deal with the reality of structural budget problems that have grown steadily worse over the past few years. Our underfunded pension obligations, exacerbated by recent pension holidays and by portfolio losses, will add tremendous

pressure to the FY 2010 budget. Similarly, unfunded Medicaid liabilities have reached a dangerous level, causing hardships for our health care providers and threatening health care access for the state's most vulnerable citizens.

The combination of a neglected and growing structural deficit, an unbalanced FY 2009 budget, massive losses in our pension system, and a national economic recession has resulted in an unprecedented budgetary challenge for FY 2010.

### **Unsustainable Payment Backlogs and Delays**

Lagging revenues and continuing spending pressures will result in a record backlog of bills payable of approximately \$4.5 billion on June 30th of this year, including Medicaid claims. This will create an untenable cash position for Illinois, leaving it unable to meet critical payment demands during the FY 2009 lapse period and first quarter of FY 2010. Even if the state matches last year's July and August base revenue performance, an uncertain proposition, some combination of over \$2 billion in FY2009 obligations or mandated FY 2010 payments will not be paid during lapse period with unimaginable consequences to the state's healthcare infrastructure, educational community and state workforce. Without a major infusion of cash from borrowing or another source, the state will be virtually insolvent.

### **Fiscal Year 2009 "Carry-over Deficit"**

The accompanying chart illustrates a current estimate of what bills will be paid in the state's lapse period – a "carry-over deficit" to be dealt with by using fiscal year 2010 revenues. It lists a current General Funds revenue estimate, allocates a portion of that to pay fiscal year 2008's bills and transfers-out of the General Funds (primarily for debt service and local governments). This shows that available revenues could support only \$24.52 billion in FY 2009 appropriations. However, enacted appropriations or current spending authority, including the full mandated pension contribution amount, totals \$28.8 billion, a difference of \$4.28 billion. This amount represents the expected "carry-over deficit" which, if not addressed through mid-year budget adjustments in FY 2009, will need to be addressed in the FY 2010 budget.

### **Major Challenges for Fiscal Year 2010.**

As noted above, the state will face tremendous pressure to use the first \$4.28 billion of revenues in fiscal year 2010 to pay the fiscal year 2009 lapse period bills. The walk-up chart also illustrates how our estimate of an \$8.95 billion budget deficit was reached, demonstrating three urgent areas of concern.

### ***Fiscal Year 2010 Revenues***

For preliminary budgeting purposes, the Comptroller's office is assuming that state source revenues will remain roughly flat in 2010, an optimistic expectation at this point as the national economy has not yet exited the current recession. Illinois' revenues generally do not rebound until after the conclusion of the recession, so revenues may continue to fall for the near future. We also include additional Medicaid match revenues, assuming that the Medicaid payment cycle will be reduced by necessity. If Medicaid spending is not at this level, this revenue estimate will also need to be lowered. A preliminary estimate of total revenues equals \$29.175 billion.

### ***Pensions***

FY 2010 is the last year of the 1995 plan pension ramp; the certified pension contributions are required to increase \$1.2 billion from FY 2009. (This amount is nearly \$500 million more than originally estimated because of drastic losses in the pension systems in 2008.) However, the historically record drop in the stock market and subsequent disastrous impact on investment portfolios could create further damage to the retirement systems and create additional funding needs in FY2011 and beyond. Any diversion from mandated contribution levels will only exacerbate the system's funding problems.

### ***Medicaid***

The Medicaid payment cycle has increased sharply in fiscal year 2009 and liabilities are likely to grow even more dramatically due to current economic circumstances. The Comptroller's Office estimates that appropriations for Medicaid will need to grow approximately \$1.95 billion in fiscal year 2010 in order to keep up with growth in the Medicaid population and bring the payment cycle back to a level that sustains the financial viability of the health care provider community and ensures the availability and delivery of services. The abusive practice of further extending payment cycles has left those providers at the breaking point and jeopardizes the entire health care network. Significantly, this reform would generate \$975 million in federal revenues and is included in the preliminary estimate. While it may be difficult to pay down Medicaid debt under the current circumstances, the pending federal stimulus package that includes higher Medicaid reimbursement rates creates an enormous financial incentive, if not an imperative, to address this problem now.

### **The Practical Deficit**

These items create a base appropriation "need" for fiscal year 2010 totaling:

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations:	\$28.80 billion
+ Mandated Pension Increase:	\$ 1.20 billion
+ <u>Medicaid growth:</u>	<u>\$ 1.95 billion</u>
Total Base Appropriations:	\$31.95 billion

As illustrated in the accompanying chart, this amount exceeds sustainable spending authority by \$8.95 billion, without *any* growth in General Funds appropriations for the rest of state government. The magnitude of this number represents the deep financial hole in which we now find ourselves after many years of avoidance and gimmicks, made worse by a struggling economy.

### **Federal Stimulus**

The federal government is currently assembling an economic recovery package, of which a component will go directly to the states for assistance in filling their budget gaps. This direct assistance will be available to the states in fiscal years 2009-2011. Although this federal "bailout" will provide significant assistance to the states, it will fall considerably short of meeting the total demands of Illinois' budget and spending needs. Based on the latest available data and a reasonable interpretation of funds Illinois may access, it appears that the state may realize as much as \$3 billion in FY2009 and FY 2010 combined for state programs. Our calculation is based on a review of pending congressional proposals and Illinois budget information.

### **Conclusion**

Faced with a record \$8.95 billion deficit for FY 2010, Illinois now stands at the precipice of the worst fiscal crisis in the state's history. If the recession is prolonged beyond this summer and/or revenues erode further, the state's fiscal situation will deteriorate even more than the bleak assessment presented here. It cannot be over emphasized that the federal government will be unable to rescue Illinois from these severe financial difficulties. The reality is that even with substantial federal assistance, Illinois will likely confront at least a \$6 billion dollar deficit that requires action over the next few weeks and months.

**General Funds Walk To FY09 Lapse Period Estimate  
(\$ in millions)**

FY09 Revenue Estimate (internal IOC estimate)*	\$28,325
- FY08 Lapse Period Spending (paid for with 09 revenues)	(\$975)
- Transfers Out (primarily debt service, local govts)	(\$3,350)
+ Current Year Lapsed Appropriations/Voided Warrants (OMB Estimate)	\$515
<b>= Amount of FY09 sustainable spending authority</b>	<b>\$24,515</b>
<b>vs. Actual FY09 Appropriations</b>	<b>\$28,800</b>
Estimate for FY09 Lapse Period Expenditures/"Carry-over Deficit"	\$4,285

\*Includes \$80 mln from implementation of hospital assessment program and \$125 million from the 10th casino license

**General Funds Walk To FY10 Sustainable Spending Authority**

Preliminary Revenue Estimate for FY10 <sup>^</sup>	\$29,175
- FY09 Lapse Period Spending (paid for with FY10 revenues)	(\$4,285)
- Transfers Out (primarily debt service, local govts)	(\$3,275)
+ Current Year Lapse Period Spending (reduced to fiscal year 2008 level)	\$975
+ Current Year Lapsed Appropriations/Voided Warrants	\$415
<b>= Amount of FY10 sustainable spending authority</b>	<b>\$23,005</b>
<b>vs. Estimate of "Base" FY10 Appropriations<sup>^^</sup></b>	<b>\$31,950</b>
<b>FY10 Preliminary Budget Hole</b>	<b>\$8,945</b>
<b>Possible Additional Federal Stimulus Revenues FY09-FY10</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>FY10 Budget Hole With \$3 billion Federal Bailout</b>	<b>\$5,945</b>

<sup>^</sup>Revenues flat except for add'l \$975 mln regular FMAP tied to Medicaid bill paydown, no 10th casino license

<sup>^^</sup>\$1.2 bln pension increase, \$1.95 bln Medicaid increase, all other General Funds appropriations held flat