

IHEAA Minutes from Spring Meeting: April 21, 2023, 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Hybrid)

Host: Lincoln Land Community College

Officers:

- *G.E. Colpitts (Co-chair)—Judson University
- *Al Shull (Co-chair)—Lincoln Land Community College
- *Stephany Rimland (Secretary)—Harper College
- *Nate Mathews (Webmaster)—Northeastern Illinois University
- *Denise Seif (Treasurer)—Parkland College
- *Mac McAvoy (Board Member)—Heartland Community College

Current/Spring Elected Officers:

G.E. Colpitts (Co-chair)—Judson University
Al Shull (Co-chair)—Lincoln Land Community College
Stephany Rimland (Secretary)—Harper College
Nate Mathews (Webmaster)—Northeastern Illinois University
Albion Stafford (Treasurer)—Illinois State University
Forthcoming (Board Members)

Attendees

In-person:

- *G.E. Colpitts—Judson University
- *Al Shull—Lincoln Land Community College
- *Stephany Rimland—Harper College
- Kat Myers—Western Illinois University
- John DenHouter—Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville
- Albion Stafford—Illinois State University

Virtual:

- Debra Kayes Halpern—Waubonsee Community College
- Miles Halpern—Kishwaukee College
- *Nate Mathews—Northeastern Illinois University
- Ruth Anne Rehfeldt—Dean of Visual and Performing Arts, Education, and Sciences at Waubonsee Community College
- Heather Weber—Waubonsee Community College

Guests:

- Adam Watkins—Dean of Arts and Communication at Lincoln Land Community College
- Doug Johnson (Guest virtual speaker)—Executive Director McLean County Arts Center, Lobbyist & Educator

- I. Welcome by Adam Watkins (Dean of Arts and Communication) 9:00 a.m.
- II. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes
 - A. Motion to approve Spring Meeting Agenda by Stephany Rimland; seconded by Albion Stafford
 - B. Motion to approve Fall Meeting Minutes by Kat Myers; seconded by G.E. Colpitts
- III. IHEAA Budget Report presented by Al Shull
 - A. Balance forward as of April 21, 2023: \$1712.81
 1. Receipts: \$100
 2. Donation to Host: \$300
 - B. Current Subtotal: \$1512.81
- IV. Guest Speaker: Doug Johnson Executive Director McLean County Arts Center, Lobbyist with the Arts Alliance in Illinois & Educator
 - A. Topic of presentation: Supporting Art Programming in Higher Education in Illinois
 1. Develop and maintain data and research
 - a. Gather information from our four and two-year schools to generate quantitative and qualitative data
 - b. Need to track success of current and transfer students to build numbers for support and narratives of program success
 - c. Track problems facing departments related to budget cuts, dual credit, enrollment decline, administrative blockades, and IBHE and ICCB policy changes
 - d. Generate survey to send to two and four year art departments to solicit data on successes and obstacles facing art departments across the state
 2. Partner with Arts Alliance in Illinois
 - i. Reach out to Mike Hernandez (Board Member) at Arts Alliance in Illinois for support
 - B. Ensure that the Arts remain on the Illinois Score Card to reinforce accountability and maintain support of arts programming at the high school level--since this directly impacts our enrollments and programming
 - C. Get to know your representatives, network, establish relationships, for Springfield lobbying
 - a. identify and connect with lobbyists to present pertinent issues at Springfield
 - b. Reach out to Jonathan Vanderbrug (Deputy Director of Civic Engagement for Arts Alliance in Illinois) for potential lobbying
 - i. Bring our data and shared narratives to the right representatives

- ii. Participate in policy and legislative meetings and changes that impact arts programming at secondary and higher education levels in Illinois

D. Raise money for lobbying efforts

- 1. Need to discuss fund-raising
- 2. Sources of financial support

E. Form a dedicated work group/task force

- 1. Reach out to current members for participation
- 2. IHEAA Secretary will draft a call for participation to send out to our members and larger institutional circle
- 3. Send call to wider circle of two and four-year schools to solicit support, data, and participation
- 4. Try to solicit members from across the state
- 5. Task force to generate survey to send to partners
 - a. Survey
 - i. Track data on college readiness for high school students
 - ii. Academic performance of students currently enrolled in programs
 - iii. Track alumni
 - i. Careers
 - ii. Vocation
 - iii. Anecdotal stories of successes
- 6. Gather and analyze data to report back to IHEAA and other stakeholders

V. Lunch 12:00 p.m.

VI. Ongoing Business

- A. Digital Media Course Continued Discussion (Topic for Spring Meeting)
 - 1. Discussion of different approaches and institutional structures
 - a. How to balance art, design, and technical instruction in foundation course
 - b. What software/programs should be taught/used
 - c. What type of projects and outcomes to generate and assess
- B. Still need representative syllabi to see variety of approaches and curricula (Please send to Al Shull)

VII. IHEAA Officer elections

- A. Positions open:
 - 1. Co-chairs
 - 2. Treasurer

3. Board Members
 - B. Positions continued
 1. Co-chairs will remain Al Shull and G.E. Colpitts
 2. Secretary will remain Stephany Rimland
 3. Webmaster will remain Nate Mathews
 - C. New appointees
 - Treasurer to be Albion Stafford
 - D. Positions to be filled:
 - Board Members
- VIII. Ad hoc Discussion
 - A. Members present on their work at future meetings?
 - B. Create a casual monthly virtual meet-up of members and interested parties to discuss relevant issues and share information
 - Kat Myers will develop a call to send to our listserv
- IX. Future Meeting Dates 2023/2024:
 - A. **Fall IHEAA Meeting** will take place on September 29, 2023 at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville
 - B. **Spring IHEAA Meeting**
Meeting set for February 23, 2024, TBD
- X. Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
- XI. Tour of Lincoln Land Community College Arts and Communications Department, facilities, and collection led by Al Shull

Respectfully submitted by Stephany E. Rimland, Secretary.