

# IHEAA

Illinois Higher Education Art Association

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Fall Meeting at Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL October 19, 2018

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## Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward from last report:	\$ 784.31	April 10, 2018
Receipts:	<u>160.00</u>	
Subtotal:	944.31	
Expenses: \$ 300.00 – (donation to host: Kishwaukee)	<u>-300.00</u>	
Balance this report	644.31	October 18, 2018

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## Minutes from the Spring Meeting at Kishwaukee College – Malta, IL April 13, 2018

### Topic: "Portfolio Review Guidelines"

Dr. Joan Katner, VP of Instruction at Kishwaukee welcomed everyone highlighting interesting information about this college. One item of note is in the recent 4 years, Art is in the top 5 majors for transfers for BA/BS degree seeking students.

Our host, Jamie Long, Dean of Arts, Communications, Social Sciences, Education, Early Childhood, and Gallery, welcomed the IHEAA members and explained a few logistics. Jamie praised the organic nature of this group. She expressed concern for local enrollment decline and would like to hear our stories. Kishwaukee has one full time faculty member and a few adjunct instructors for Art.

Introductions around the room were made to greet everyone and welcome new members. The current Portfolio Review Guidelines were pulled up on screen and also Al Shull's updates.

Highlights of the discussion include: Web portfolios, free access for student portfolios, Powerpoint vs. PDF, format options (not actual items), iCloud upload options, clarity in directions were all points of discussion. PDF, as the industry standard is still in favor. Professional Practices—some schools have a separate course for one credit while others include these items in senior year seminar situations. NIU has a career internship fair which gets art students involved to work with business / entrepreneurial areas. Self-Employment in the Arts (Naperville) has a conference every spring. A.F.A. students have one less Social Science course. There are problems with students self-advising, so ore communication is needed at the general advising level. 2+2 agreements need to be tailored for the receiving school. At community colleges the A.F.A.s are not 2-year accomplishments: 3.7 years is the average with 8 years not unheard of as well. All institutions are under tremendous pressure for time to degree. "Guided Pathways" at Harper (and elsewhere) for a 2-year exit "guaranteed." They are likely coming soon to other community colleges as well. Picking a major 1<sup>st</sup> is the new model at 2-year schools. The practice of going ahead and graduating in 2 years and then picking up the extra courses that they want to explore is happening. Cindy offered that every time and place has its unique circumstances. Today seeing struggles with reading and concepts for the students. It is Business vs. Education in many cases. You have to participate in the communication on committees and with the administrators. Jamie described herself as standing in the gap—to still help students get their dreams, we are in a transformative space now. Continuing Education and transfer can be stacked together at place like Harper College or not such as at LLCC. Kishwaukee is doing rotations instead of every semester offerings, for example, their 70 art students can't be divided more than 6 ways each semester. Out migration continues to be a problem for everyone in Illinois. NIU is having community college shows and invite faculty and students. NIU also has enough space for ALL students to get studios. There is a positive in lower ratio of students to faculty as compared to 450 foundations students back in the day. 2+2 really is improving in these difficult times. Everywhere recruitment is being stressed. STEM or not STEM? This is higher than our own administrators—they get pressured too.

Additional discussion of the main topic concluded with this request: Please send your specific suggestions for the Portfolio Review Guidelines to Al Shull by May 31<sup>st</sup> and he will compile/collate what he receives to finesse at EIU.

File sizes for images is a concern and there was a great deal of discussion about photo quality and format such as jpeg.

## Break

**Business Meeting:** Minutes of the previous meeting (Fall 2017 at Western Illinois University) and Treasurer's Report were approved. (Moved by Cindy Hellyer-Heintz and seconded by Denise Saff.)

The IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) Art Panel meeting was not held in conjunction with this meeting. A call for help filling out the ranks of the IAI Art Panel initiated some discussion about how to coordinate efforts of the IAI Art Panel and the IHEAA. One way would be scheduling the IHEAA meetings on the calendar ahead of the IAI Art Panel meetings. This arrangement would allow a broader discussion of IAI issues in our afternoon session (face to face around the tables) and help prepare the IAI Art Panel representatives for the conference call style meetings that the IAI meetings have embraced. At least for the near future funding problems with travel expenses has spurred the use of conference calls for the IAI Art Panel which seem less conducive to participation and open discussions. Melinda, the state facilitator of the Art Panel, is reinforcing the fact that the IHEAA is a separate organization from the IAI Art Panel. However, since the membership and interests of both groups overlap, it is natural for discussions of topics relevant to both groups to occur here at IHEAA, such as red flags in IAI submissions.

The next IHEAA meeting will be at the Tarble Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University in Charleston on October 19, 2018. Please promote IHEAA at your home institutions, neighboring institutions, and at other conferences. The agenda at EIU will include finalizing the portfolio review guidelines recommendations. An example is the recommended file size for images, such as 1920 pixels on the longer side.

## Lunch Break

Other upcoming meetings include 2019 Spring at Harper College in Palatine with host Stephany Rimland and Fall at Northeastern University in Chicago with host Nate Mathews. 2020 Spring at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield with host Al Shull and Fall at Illinois State University in Normal with hosts Albion Stafford and Veda Rives Aukerman.

A dues reminder was announced by Veda.

Motion to adjourn from Patricia Belleville and seconded by Albion Stafford.

Respectfully submitted: Veda Rives Aukerman, IHEAA Secretary / Treasurer

*This meeting was followed by an extensive tour of the art department facilities and gallery exhibitions.*

## Attendance: 13

**Officers:** G. E. Colpitts, Judson University; Al Shull, Lincoln Land Community College; Nate Mathews, Northeastern Illinois University; Denise Seif, Parkland College; Veda Rives Aukerman, Illinois State University

**Members & Guests:** Michael McAvoy, Heartland Community College; Patricia Belleville, Eastern Illinois University; Stephany Rimland, Harper College; Albion Stafford, Illinois State University; Glenn Bodish, Sauk Valley College; Jaime Long, Kishwaukee College; Jack Kirkpatrick, South Suburban College; Cindy Hellyer-Heinz, Northern Illinois University