



# Illinois Community College Faculty Association

## Delegate Assembly

Friday, November 16, 2018 8:00 – 9:00 am

*At the Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria, 100 Conference Dr. East Peoria, IL 61611*

Member of ICCFA present: Carla Presnell, Jake Winters, Krista Winters, Leo Welch, Jennifer Alexander, Steve DePasquale, Marcus Brown, Manuel Salgado, Allan Levandowski, John Jackson, Kristen Cambell, Tim Tarver, Tracey Hoy and Emily Burkenhempe

- I. Opening Remarks by Krista Winters:
  1. Welcome members.
  2. Introduction of the EC members.
  3. Calls for participation of the executive committee. She reiterated our mission of promoting teaching and learning. Our work includes connecting ICCB and its agenda with faculty members. Asked faculty to check out our website and to look out for our brochure. Calls for liaisons from each college to connect faculty with each other and notify faculty of ICCFA events.
- II. Secretary's report: Motion to approve the minutes of 2017 delegate assembly – All seconded.
- III. Treasurer's report by Tracey Hoy: Last year there were two budgets, one is the realistic one based on the dues we actually collected, versus the one with dues owed. This year we have a balance of \$12547. Will rework on the budget because it is now based on old conference model which has changed. She thanked colleges that had paid dues. It made our work possible.
- IV. Leo Welch's report on the SUAA legislative platform: Leo first provided background of the faculty's involvement in SUAA as the following. We do not introduce bills. Once we did that and met with resistance from administration. We then agreed to focus on teaching and learning, not into advocacy. Advocacy is done through other groups. Except for this, we never had any issue that were disagreed on by the presidents.
  1. SUAA platform: Annuitants are anyone who is in the college system who had paid into the system. It includes current and retired employee. Leo is its legislative officer. He enacted the 2019 legislative plan to support proposals for using bonds to fully pay down the pension debt and to move the state towards full funding of its pension systems.
  2. Preserving higher education: Several bills are detrimental to higher education, including but not limited to, the bill to eliminate the ICCB. Kristen asks if this has been tried for several years. Leo pointed out SUAA's opposing of the "reform" bill converting the Illinois Board of Higher Education to a governing body. Reminded us to watch out for the re-organization strategies. He said: "Talked with faculty members. Don't sit back. Get to the front and vote for higher Ed."
  3. Funding – Hope the two-year budget freezing disaster won't happen again. One example of the damage is having had to rebuild the state museum system. Audience asked where can one find the bills pending in the state legislature. State assembly website allows bill number search. ICCFA website contains legislative affairs you can check out bills concerning Ed.
- V. Motion to modify the bylaws to allow part-time faculty to run for the Executive Committee officers. The reason is to include adjunct members and recognize that they contributed. All seconded and the motion carries.

VI. Alan Levandowski introduces candidates for officers. On the ballot are the following. Jacob Winters for president; Kristen Campbell for president-elect; Steve DePasquale for VP of membership and delegate affairs; Hong Fei for secretary; and Krista Winters for treasurer. The whole ballot was approved without opposing vote. The officers are elected.

All members expressed special appreciation for the past president Alan Levandowski.

VII. ICCB liaison Emily Burkenhempe's update on ICCB agenda: Introduced her mission - One and half years ago, ICCB wanted to mend relationship with ICCFA and to strengthen cooperation between the two groups. A liaison came in to do just that. She has the following messages for faculty. 1). Listening to a great presentation yesterday about the training of students with autism, Emily get the speaker agreeing to do a webinar in February. 2). Calls for faculty to take a look at the ICCB website for the co-requisition guide, the secondary workforce readiness guide and the dual credit guide. 3). Welcome questions for the dual credit programs. ICCB does not have all the answers yet but is working on changes in order to do it better.

VIII. Leo is working on a brief history of the organization. He reminiscence after the passing of the Community College Act, faculty passed resolution to introduce tenure. It was the starting of the ICCFA because faculty would pursue goals important to teaching. Now the faculty and the administrators are coming together to organize the conference jointly. Now Illinois is the first state where community college students ranked first in the nation in numbers of students finishing a bachelor degree in 6 years. Our famed history and the continuing hard work of the current faculty members led our community college system this far.

IX. Adjourned.