



# Illinois Community College Faculty Association

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND SUMMER RETREAT

Friday, October 25, 2019 3:00 – 5:00 pm

*Embassy Suites and Conference Center: 100 Conference Center Dr., East Peoria, IL 61611*

Members Present: Keith Sprewer, Krista Winters, Jacob Winters, Linda Hefferin, Leo Welch and Hong Fei

I. Convene.

II. Treasurer's Report by Krista Winters:

There is no new note-worthy development or items. Note that our conference budget is basically balanced or a slightly loss. No additional dues received or disbursements made since our last meeting.

III. Conference Coordinator's Report by Linda Hefferin:

We have great success this year on the registration front. We have over 240 attendees registered at this point. This attendance is almost double from recent years, including last year. Among the registrants, about one third are faculty members. Approximately 50 percent of the attendees are first-time at our conference.

On Thursday, we will have aspiring Leaders reception. ICCFA has a business meeting on Friday morning.

This year, instead of conference gifts, presenters will be sent a thank-you letter.

ICCFA is proud that we are increasing our student scholarships from \$6,500 to \$7,5000.

Awards: Tracey Hoy will be recipient of the Linda Hefferin Award. Linda nominated David Seiler as a recipient for the Leo Welch Teacher of the Year Award. Plaques will be ordered.

IV. President's Report By Jake Winters:

1. Delegate Assembly: Held on Friday morning at our business meeting.
2. Election: According to our By-Law, the odd year is the time to elect officers. Leo agreed to be the candidate for VP of Legislative Affairs. Fei agreed to be candidate for the recording secretary. Calling for candidates of president elect to be nominated.

V. Legislative Affairs Report by Leo Welch:

Leo outlined the numerous political action organizations in higher education he participates in and numerous action plans, resolutions, and articles he drafted and promoted. In his article in "Academe Blog", he pointed out that after many years of no budget, for the first time we finally got a 5% increase in funding. But the debt to higher education still has wide and deep effect on

colleges. The article is titled, "How Illinois Higher Education Still Suffers". Notably, the SUAA legislative action plan, which is carried out on the SUAA legislative platform, has opinions on revenue enhancement measures, health insurance, repeal of federal social security windfall elimination provision, and government pension offset, and preserving the quality of higher education.

- VI. Co-requisite Report by Keith: Expressed difficulty in working with high school for developmental English and math. The goal has always been to help student quickly pass the developmental stage by better high school teaching. There should be enough oversight to make sure that the students are qualified to skip them.
- VII. Scholarship Committee Report by Krista: There are seven recipients; three are attending the conference with their families and guests. One college president will attend.
- VIII. Adjourned.