



Illinois Community College Faculty Association

Friday, April 11th, 8:30 – 10:00 am, Via Zoom

Members present: Carla Presnell, Mary Rojas- Carlson, Joseph Przybyla, Melissa Grunow, Jean-Marie Taylor, Julia diLiberti, Terri Birch

Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Rojas Carlson at 8:39 AM.
- Next meeting announced for April 25, 2025.
- ICCB representative update: Patrick unable to attend; new representative starting April 16 and expected to attend April 25 meeting.

Secretary (Melissa Grunow)

- Melissa Grunow agreed to take over as secretary; will minute meetings using transcription and manual note-taking for accuracy.
- Discussion on AI use for transcript summaries; members emphasized manual review due to transcription inconsistencies.

President's Updates (Mary Carlson)

- **Faculty Outreach Survey:** In development. Goal is to assess faculty interests statewide and inform future ICCFA programming.
- **Conference 2025:** Officially canceled due to insurance barriers.
- Alternative proposed: Monthly “Lunch & Learn” virtual sessions featuring previous grant winners and faculty speakers, based on survey results.

Legislative Updates (Joe Przybyla)

- Most bills of concern (e.g., dual credit, Tier 2 pensions) remain stagnant.
- Notable development: Proposed legislation requiring three mental health counselors per campus, regardless of institution size.
- Additional bill (SB 0404) identified by Jean-Marie Taylor:
 - Originally a “shell bill,” now amended via Senate Amendment 1 with significant changes impacting community colleges.
 - Senator Castro now lead sponsor.
 - Considered more favorable to community colleges; unlikely to move this session but could re-emerge.

Vice Presidents Report (Jeremy Bachelor)

- No Report

Treasurer's Report (Carla Presnell)

- Current balance: \$100,621.04.
- Pending deposits of \$2,500 will bring total to \$102,896.04.
- Member dues received from Triton, Rend Lake, and McHenry.
- Sandburg’s check (sent February 6) appears lost; new check to be issued.
- Recent expenses:
 - \$1,000 scholarship disbursed to SWIC student.
 - Purchase of two award frames (\$22.71).
 - Anticipated web maintenance expense (approx. \$100).

ICCB Liaison (Patrick Moore, ICCB)

- No Report

Adjournment