



Illinois Community College Faculty Association

Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Friday, September 12, 2025

Time: 8:30–10:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

In attendance: Jeremy Bachelor, Christine Brooms, Melanie Eddins-Spencer, Brian Messner (ICCB), Carla Presnell, Mary Rojas-Carlson, Jean-Marie Taylor

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Jeremy Bachelor, acting President.
- Minutes from May 23, 2025, will be re-sent by Jeremy for email approval because quorum requirements are not defined in the bylaws and members had not yet reviewed the draft.

2. President's Updates

- **Leadership Transition:** Mary Rojas-Carlson resigned; Jeremy Bachelor assumes the remainder of the presidential term.
- Several board seats are in varying cycles; elections will continue each November. We will hold a Zoom meeting for the purpose of voting, along with information about the ICCFA for attendees.

3. Vice President Position

- Discussion of options to leave the position vacant until November or appoint an interim VP.
- Members agreed that the VP should have prior ICCFA board experience.
- **Action:** Melanie Eddins-Spencer was unanimously appointed Interim Vice President to serve the remainder of the term.

4. Committee Structures

- **Regional Committees & Coordinators:**
 - Bylaws now state each region *may* have a coordinator (changed from *shall*).
 - Proposal to create regional subcommittees where coordinators both gather local concerns and report to the ICCFA board.
 - Members supported piloting this model using the successful Central Region coalition as an example.
 - **Motion Passed:** Use grant funds to support a pilot program for re-imagined Regional Coordinators.
- **Teaching & Learning Initiatives Committee:**
 - Committee responsibilities include reviewing conference presentation proposals and grants.
 - Members discussed uneven professional-development resources across the state and endorsed creating an online repository or calendar of statewide PD opportunities.

- Mary Carlson will reach out to COD's Faculty Professional Development team to explore sharing one of COD's full-time faculty programs with faculty across all Illinois community colleges;
- ICCFA may co-sponsor or provide speakers for events hosted by individual colleges to broaden access and visibility.

5. Legislative and ICCB Updates

- Dual Credit updates.
- Next ICCB meeting: September 26, 2025, at Kaskaskia College.
- Goal: identify members near Kaskaskia to deliver a prepared ICCFA statement.
- Goal: plan to identify attendees for future meetings; budget for potential expenses related to meeting attendance.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Carla Presnell provided a balance update.
- Approval to remove Julia diLiberti from the Illinois Community College Faculty Association U.S. Bank account and add the new President, Jeremy Bachelor, as her replacement;

7. Other Business

- Discussion of a future ICCFA conference: consider partnering with another organization, such as the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Committee, to reduce costs and expand outreach. We have a tentative agreement to hold a November 2026 conference at Carl Sandburg College.

8. Closed Session

- Held for elected members only to address ongoing matters from Spring 2025.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.