



Illinois Heartland Library System

IHLS Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

September 22 at 5:00 PM
Edwardsville Office
6725 Goshen Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Meeting Attendance & Participation

Other Ways to Attend

You may also attend the meeting via video conference at the following locations or via Zoom:

- **Carbondale Office:** 1840 Innovation Dr Room 106R, Carbondale, IL 62903, 618-985-3711
- **Champaign Office:** 1704 West Interstate Dr, Champaign, IL 61822, 217-352-0047
- **C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library:** 101 South Seventh St, Mount Vernon, IL 62864, 618-242-6322
- **Decatur Public Library:** 130 N. Franklin Street, Decatur, IL 62523, 217-424-2900
- **Effingham Public Library:** 200 North Third Street, Effingham, IL 62401, 217-342-2464
- **Illinois State Library:** Gwendolyn Brooks Building, 300 South Second St, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-782-2994
- **Via Zoom:** <https://illinoisheartland.zoom.us/j/667226270?pwd=eTc0dWk1SlVSQWJ6cXB0M0xzdZlZzO9>

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The IHLS Board of Directors will accept public comments. Please submit comments and supporting documents to publiccomment@illinoisheartland.org or use the form found on the IHLS website at <https://illinoisheartland.org/content/board-meeting-public-comment-form>.

Members of the IHLS Board of Directors

Kristy Walker, President	Charles Atteberry	Kristi Lear
Ryan Johnson, Vice-President	Ann Chandler	Linda McDonnell
Nick Norovich, Secretary	Travis Givens	Ashlie Newcomb
Michael Treece, Treasurer	Ann Marie Harland	Amanda Pippitt
Matt Greider, Member-at-Large	Clayton Held	Kellie Treece

Agenda Topics

1. Call Meeting to Order – Board President

- A. Roll Call (Action Required) – Stacie Bushong
- B. Chair's Welcome (Information Only) – Kristy Walker

2. Consent Agenda (Action Required) – Board President

- A. Approval of August 25, 2026, Minutes (Action Required) (Attachment 2A) – Kristy Walker
- B. Staff Activity Update (Action Required) (Attachment 2B) – Leslie Bednar
- C. Acceptance of August 2026 Bills (Action Required) (Attachment 2C) – Rhonda Johnisee

IMAGINING **TOMORROW**, DELIVERING POSSIBILITIES **TODAY!**

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D. August 2026 Financial Report (Information Only) (Attachment 2D) – Rhonda Johnisee

3. FY2026 Annual Report (Action Required) – Leslie Bednar

- A. Financial Audit
 - i. FY2026 Audit Synopsis (Attachment 3Ai)
 - ii. FY2026 Audited Financial Statements (Attachment 3Aii)
- B. Narrative (Attachment 3B)
- C. Components

4. Compliance (Information Only)

- A. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Attachment 4A) – Kristi Lear
- B. Open Meetings Act (OMA) – Linda McDonnell

5. Public Comment (Information only)

6. Illinois State Library Report

7. Communication (Information Only) – Leslie Bednar

- A. Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference Update

8. Human Resources

- A. Staff Report (Action Required) (Attachment 8A) – Leslie Bednar
- B. Personnel (Action Required)
This portion of the meeting may be held in executive session pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120 2(C)(1).

9. Committee Reports

- A. Executive
- B. Advocacy and Education

10. Partner Reports (Information Only)

- A. Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) – Leah Gregory
- B. Illinois Library Association (ILA) (Attachment 10B)
- C. Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC) – Leslie Bednar

11. Unfinished Business

- A. None

12. New Business

- A. Resolution of the Illinois Heartland Library System to Censure Board Member Ann Chandler (Action Required) (Attachment 12A) – Kristy Walker
- B. Executive Director Goals (Action Required) (Attachment 12B) – Kristy Walker
- C. Statement in Support of School Libraries and Licensed School Librarians (Action Required) (Attachment 12C) – Leah Gregory
- D. Agenda Building (Action Required)

13. Public Comment (Information Only)

14. Announcements

- A. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 27 at 3:00 PM followed by the Board Meeting at 5:00 PM at the Edwardsville hub. Please be sure to register in L2 as soon as possible to help us plan refreshments.
- B. If you would like text/email reminders and alerts for board meetings, please register for Rained Out messages. Instructions are available on the Board Intranet.

15. Adjournment