# IHLS Board of Directors Annual Meeting Celebration Agenda

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October 27, 2026, at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
In-Person Edwardsville Office
6725 Goshen Rd, Edwardsville, IL, 62903

## Agenda Topics

**3:00 Automatic Materials Handler System (AMHS) Tour, Networking and Light Refreshments**

**3:30 "State of the System" – IHLS Executive Director Leslie Bednar**

**3:40 "Working with Legislators to Support Initiatives" – Senator Erica Harriss**

**4:00 "ILA Advocacy" – Illinois Library Association President Rene Leyva**

**4:15 "Benefits of Serving as an IHLS Board Member" – IHLS Board President Kristy Walker, IHLS Board Vice President Ryan Johnson, and IHLS Board Open Meetings Act Officer Linda McDonnell**

**4:30 The Illinois State Library's Position in State Government – Illinois State Library Director Greg McCormick**

**4:45 Attendance Prize Drawing**



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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=eTc0dWk1SlVSQWJ6cXB0M0xzdzlzZz09

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### Members of the IHLS Board of Directors

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

## Agenda Topics

### 1. Call Meeting to Order – Board President

A. Roll Call (Action Required) – Executive Assistant
B. Chair's Welcome (Information Only) – Board President

### 2. Consent Agenda (Action Required) – Board President

A. Approval of September 22, 2026, Minutes (Action Required) (Attachment 2A)
B. Staff Activity Update (Action Required) (Attachment 2B) – Leslie Bednar
C. Acceptance of September 2026 Bills (Action Required) (Attachment 2C) – Rhonda Johnisee

### 3. Accounting

A. September 2026 Financial Report (Information Only) (Attachment 3A) – Rhonda Johnisee

### 4. Compliance (Information Only)

A. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – Kristi Lear

B. Open Meetings Act (OMA) – Linda McDonnell

**5. Public Comment (Information Only)**

**6. Illinois State Library Report**

**7. Communication (Information Only)**

A. iLEAD Trustee Training Grant Update – Dr. Leanne Furby
B. Laptop Grant Update – Troy Brown
C. Illinois Library Association Annual Conference Update – Leslie Bednar
B. FY2026 Highlights Presentation – Leslie Bednar

**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 (Information Only)**

A. Executive
B. Advocacy and Education – did not meet
C. Nominating

**10. Partner Reports (Information Only)**

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

**11. Unfinished Business**

A. None

**12. New Business**

A. IHLS Benefits Plans (Action Required) (Attachment 12A) – Leslie Bednar
B. IHLS Fiscal Planning: Short-term Savings (Information Only) (Attachment 12B) – Leslie Bednar
C. Agenda Building (Action Required)

**13. Public Comment (Information Only)**

**14. Announcements**

A. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2026. Please register in L2 if you have not already done so and check email regularly for schedule changes.
B. The Effingham Public Library will not be available for in-person attendance for the November board meeting.

**15. Adjournment**