



ILLINOIS COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT – SUBMITTED BY KACY ABELN

My work this year as president-elect has been focused on planning the 2016 convention. In planning the 2016 convention, I maintained many of the processes my predecessors implemented during their terms as Presidents and Convention Planners. I would like to thank the ICTA board for their support! I would also like to thank the convention planning committee (Melissa Entzminger – Highland Community College, Adam Jenkins – Belleville West High School, Lauren Morgan – College of DuPage, Brian Rohman University High School, Julie Weishar – Parkland College, Anna Wright – Illinois State University). I would also like to thank Jan Heiteen and Ellie Marvin for your help with GIFTS and secondary education panels. I am so very thankful to everyone who has helped me plan what I hope is an enjoyable convention for everyone.

1. Our theme of “Let’s Get Critical!” encourages us to explain and share how we use and teach critical thinking skills. It was specifically chosen based on the many dilemmas communication, theatre, education, forensics, and ICTA faces so I hope convention encourages you to engage in critical conversations with colleagues from around the state.
2. Because of location, convention is a bit more expensive than usual but Julie Weishar, Bryan Rohman, and Alyssa Obradovich were instrumental in gaining multiple sponsorships from the Black Book Depot, McGraw-Hill, and Pearson. Please note our generous donors in the convention booklet.
3. Other financial support and donations were made by This is Feeling Photography and College of DuPage.
4. Individual ICTA members have also donated and contributed to convention and their help has been instrumental in me – Lauren Morgan, Jeff Przybylo, Amanda Ams, Brian Rohman, Anna Wright and Adam Jenkins.
5. Convention this year will also have a photographer and ICTA will use these photographs on our website, highlighting our members and board members. This will also enable us to have content to include on our new website. *see #6.
6. Through the hard work of Anna Wright, Brian Rohman, and Jennifer Keith, ICTA did begin the process of moving our website to WildApricot. In this transition, communication with members and about convention became difficult. In my position as president, I would like to rectify this situation and create more communication with members via our new website and other forms of social media.
7. Another change I incorporated this year were more raffle prizes which have traditionally only been given out at the final closing meeting. Unfortunately, many of our members attend only on Friday so they do not get the opportunity to win awesome goodies so we extended the amount of raffle prizes available to members☺

As the incoming president, I would like to assist Julie Wieshar in creating a more streamlined and clearer time frame for convention. I plan to work with the board to increase overall ICTA membership

and provide members with more material, content, and opportunities. I would also like to facilitate more communication to our membership about local, state and national changes in communication and theatre.

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