



ICTA

2017 President Annual Report

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1. This year we held a retreat in Bloomington, IL and Glen Ellyn, IL. ICTA members and board members attended both to discuss multiple issues ICTA is facing and to explore opportunities to improve the organization.
2. I worked with Julie and the Convention Planning Committee to plan the 2017 Convention. Thank you Julie and all of the Convention Planning Committee members for your hard work!
3. The treasurer and I worked on tracking past budgets, comparing them to our current financial status and implementing a new budgetary process for the entire Board. The new budgetary process went into effect in July 2017. ICTA now has a stronger, more transparent process for budgeting, which will enable us to request non-profit status from the state of Illinois. We have federal non-profit status but are still working on state non-profit status.
4. The Debate Committee was dissolved this year at the request of the debate community. I accepted their request and welcome them back to ICTA at any point in the future.
5. The entire ICTA Board met in July to work on convention and to approve our annual FY18 budget, which went into effect on July 1st and operates until the end of June.
6. As we move forward as an organization, the priorities that we discussed and worked on throughout the year and will need to continue being worked on are, in no specific order:
 - Financial transparency and fiscal responsibility
 - Membership benefits
 - Advancing the advocacy work of ICTA
 - Ensuring a more effective ICTA Board, potentially revising the Policies and Procedures manual further
 - Increasing ICTA membership
 - Increasing our online presence via WildApricot

All of these issues were discussed and taken on this year by numerous people and committees. I want to thank them all for their hard work and am excited to continue working on the resilience of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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