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ILLINOIS BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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## A Message From Your President

Hello IBEA Members,

I know many of you have already started your 2025–26 end-of-year countdown. I hope each of you is intentional about taking time to slow down and relax over the summer. It is so important that we take time for ourselves so we can pour into our students again in the fall.

You are the reason many students flourish. You are the reason many students find success in their chosen fields. You are the reason many students choose to better themselves each day. At this point in the school year, it can be easy to lose sight of that, but you still choose to show up every day. Thank you.

Thank you for all you do for your students and your school. Thank you for the relationships you build, even on the hard days. Thank you for the mentorship and moral support you provide to your coworkers. Finally, thank you for the extra effort you make to be involved in the IBEA community. It is because of teachers, both active and retired, that our organization continues to thrive. Your expertise and understanding of what is happening in the classroom are invaluable, and we are so grateful to have you as part of our professional organization.

We want to help you stay up to date on what is happening in IBEA. If you have not already, find us on Facebook, Instagram, and X. That is where we will continue to share information about the 2026 Annual Fall Conference. Planning is already underway, so be sure to mark your calendars. The conference will once again be held at The Abraham Lincoln Springfield – A DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on November 4–6, 2026. Talk to your administrator and secure funding now so you do not miss out. Registration will open as early as July 1 this year.

President-Elect Allison Ferguson and the Conference Planning Committee are working hard to provide you with an engaging conference. If you would like to be part of the planning process, feel free to reach out to Ally.

I wish each of you the best as you finish the year strong. I hope to see you in the fall, and thank you for your continued support of fellow Illinois business educators.



**Heather Borowiak**  
**IBEA President**

*Heather Borowiak*  
2025-2026 IBEA President

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### IBEA is on Instagram!

For those of you who have an Instagram account, follow @illinoisibea. If you do not have an Instagram account, you can still see posts and updates without signing up by simply going to the illinoisibea page on Instagram!

The direct URL to the IBEA  
Instagram page is:  
[www.instagram.com/illinoisibea](https://www.instagram.com/illinoisibea)

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## From the Desk of the Executive Director

Hello IBEA Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are entering the final weeks of the 2025–26 school year. Thank you to our IBEA members who are in the classroom each day supporting students at all grade levels, as well as those who support our membership through their work in business education.

Your IBEA Conference Planning Committee has been hard at work planning the IBEA Fall Conference 2026, which will be held November 4–6, 2026, at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois. Our featured conference speaker will be Corinne Hoisington, along with featured breakout session presenter Tonya Skinner. Tonya will also serve as a featured speaker at the IBEA Fall Conference in 2027.



**Rod McQuality**  
**IBEA Executive**  
**Director**

New for IBEA Fall Conference 2026 will be a full-day session for high school business students. Exploring Business Pathways for High School Business Students is being organized and sponsored by our IBEA University Partners. On Thursday, November 5, high school students will have the opportunity to engage with University Partners, business leaders, and industry professionals through dynamic presentations and interactive, hands-on activities designed to support post-secondary and career readiness. Tentative agenda highlights include:

- Post-secondary opportunities presented by IBEA University Partners
- Career pathways and workforce insights from business leaders
- AI in the classroom and its impact on future careers
- Résumé development and career preparation strategies
- Conference featured speaker: Corinne Hoisington
- And more

This session is free for high school students with a teacher registration for the IBEA Fall Conference 2026. [Click here to register student attendees.](#)

Mark your calendars now for the conference dates, and stay up to date with all IBEA Fall Conference 2026 information in our pre-conference program by [clicking here.](#)

During the month of April, IBEA will recognize graduating seniors who are entering the workforce, attending a business trade school, or pursuing a post-secondary degree in a business-related field through our IBEA Business Signing Day.

We encourage you to make this a memorable event by inviting students, parents, and administrators to participate. Please [click here](#) to download the IBEA certificate using your membership login, and do not forget to share your Business Signing Day photos with us for inclusion on our social media platforms and website.

Have a great end to your school year, and be sure to follow IBEA on Facebook and watch your email for current updates on the IBEA Fall Conference 2026.

Sincerely,  
Rod McQuality  
IBEA Executive Director

## Call for Board Candidates



### JOIN THE IBEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IBEA has the following positions open on the Board of Directors:

#### Officer & Affiliate Representative Vacancies

##### Officer Vacancies

- President Elect for 2026-2027

##### Affiliate Representative Vacancies

(Each Affiliate Representative term lasts three years and is a voting member on the IBEA Board of Directors)

- 📍 Chicago (CBEA) Representative
- 📍 Central Illinois (CIBEA) Representative
- 📍 Northern Illinois (NIBEA) Representative
- 📍 Western Illinois (WIABEA) Representative

#### Task Force, Stipend & Ex-Officio Vacancies

##### Task Force Vacancies

(These vacancies can be in combination with an Affiliate Representative position)

- 📖 Parliamentarian
- 👤 Student Organizations
- 🎓 Scholarships

##### Stipend Position Vacancies

- 💰 Conference Program Director

##### Ex-Officio Vacancies (Non-Voting)

- └ Illinois State Board of Education Liaison (this position is hired by ISBE and the successful candidate is automatically on the IBEA Board of Directors)

#### Board Member Responsibilities



1. Members are expected to attend two board meetings, one in mid to late April and one at the fall conference.



2. Board members are also assigned a role usually related to assisting at the fall conference.



## EIBEA Affiliate Update

On March 5, EIBEA held its spring meeting in Mattoon, with approximately 18 members in attendance. The group toured Rural King corporate headquarters, where Drew Weckbach provided insight into the company's business model and operations across more than 130 stores in 13 states. Following the tour, members gathered at Villa Pizza for dinner and the spring meeting, led by Marcy Satterwhite, who conducted affiliate business and encouraged attendance at the fall IBEA Conference in Springfield. The evening also included recognition of Julia Noth of Shiloh High School as the 2026 EIBEA Teacher of the Year.

## MIBEA Affiliate Update

MIBEA welcomed three new business and computer teachers at the Fall 2025 IBEA Conference:

- Angela Johnson Getty, Business Concepts, Adaptive Art, and Adult Living teacher at Glenwood High School in Chatham.
- Colton Cassady, Personal Finance, Adult Living, and Keyboarding teacher at Glenwood High School in Chatham.
- Jamie Cearlock, Computer Concepts, Information Processing, and Resource Management teacher at South Fork High School in Kincaid.

Current plans include a face-to-face end-of-school-year meet-up in April 2026.

## IBEA Scholarship Information

### The Dora J. Beattie Undergraduate Scholarship

was established to encourage outstanding college business students to specialize in business education training. The purpose of the award is to provide scholarships to undergraduate students who are actively pursuing business teacher education careers at Illinois schools. This scholarship is intended to provide financial aid for the recipient's undergraduate study, ideally for an accredited business education program of their choice in Illinois. Junior undergraduate students could be eligible to receive a \$5,000 scholarship, and Senior undergraduate students could be eligible to receive a \$10,000 scholarship!

The **Dora J. Beattie IBEA Conference Scholarship** is awarded to a student member of IBEA. If you are planning to attend IBEA's annual conference, you are eligible for a Dora J. Beattie Conference Scholarship. This year, up to ten scholarships will be awarded based on the scholarship committee's discretion.



**Dora J. Beattie**

The **Gloria Bousley Graduate Scholarship** was established to provide scholarships to IBEA member graduate students who are actively pursuing business teacher education careers and are specializing in business education at the master's degree level in an Illinois state-approved teacher education program. The scholarship awards up to \$2,500 for outstanding graduate student(s) specializing in business education.

When there is a graduate program offering a master's degree in business education, IBEA will award the full \$2,500.

If there is not an approved program in Illinois, IBEA will award up to \$500 for an approved certification, endorsement, or post-baccalaureate that includes advanced study for a master's degree.



**Gloria Bousley**

**Scholarship applications are due June 15!**  
Visit [www.ibea.org](http://www.ibea.org) for an application and more information!

## Save the Date for the 2026 IBEA Annual Fall Conference!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2026 ILLINOIS BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE**  
**NOVEMBER 4-6, 2026**  
 PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN HOTEL  
 A DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL  
**SPRINGFIELD, IL**

**CONFERENCE RATES:**

Professional IBEA Membership: \$250  
 Non-Member: \$300  
 Retired IBEA Member: \$190  
 Student IBEA Member: \$100  
 On-Site Registration: \$400  
 Hotel Rate: \$125 + Tax

**WWW.IBEA.ORG**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS, FEATURED SPEAKER: CORINNE HOISINGTON, FEATURED SESSION PRESENTER: TONYA SKINNER, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING WITH BUSINESS TEACHERS FROM AROUND THE STATE



# Call for Presenters

**Illinois Business Education Association**  
**2026 IBEA Fall Conference**  
***Application Deadline: September 1, 2026***

Do you have a really fun project, or a great way to review? Have you figured out a way to manage your classroom that works well? Is there a lesson you have learned teaching that you would like to share? Get ready for Empowering **Future** Ready Educators! Share your knowledge by presenting a session at the **2026** IBEA Fall Conference or recommend someone to give a session. Please complete this form before the deadline above. IBEA needs approximately 50 presenters for the **2026** IBEA Fall Conference. One form must be filled out for each session.

If you have any questions or need help completing this form, please contact the IBEA President Elect at [preselect@ibea.org](mailto:preselect@ibea.org)

**Please Note the Following:** Presenters will need to supply his/her own laptop, HDMI connection to LCD projector that will be provided and speakers (for sound) if needed.

**Select one or more of the following dates/times available**

- Wednesday, November 4: 1-Hour Evening Session
- Thursday, November 5: 1-Hour *Morning* Session
- Thursday, November 5: 1-Hour *Afternoon* Session
- Friday, November 6: 1-Hour Morning Session
- Any day/time needed

**Would you be willing to present your topic more than once at the conference?**

- YES       NO

**Type of Session**

- Hands-on Computer (BYOD)
- Demonstration/Lecture
- Roundtable/Forum/Discussion

### **Professional Development Outcome (Select at least one)**

- Increased knowledge and skills of school and district leaders who guide continuous professional development
- Will lead to improved learning of students
- Addressed the organization of adults into learning communities whose goals are aligned with those of their schools and districts
- Deepened participants' content knowledge in one or more content (subject) areas
- Provided participants with research-based instructional strategies to assist students in meeting rigorous academic standards
- Prepare participants to appropriately use various types of classroom assessments
- Used learning strategies appropriate to the intended goals
- Provided participants with the knowledge and skills to collaborate

### **National Standards for Professional Learning**

If you are not selecting one of the national standards, please list the Illinois Learning Standard that your presentation addresses in the box below.

- Learning Communities
- Leadership
- Resources
- Data
- Learning Designs
- Implementation
- Outcomes

See the link below for descriptions of standards

<http://learningforward.org/standards-for-professional-learning>

The standards can be found at: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Learning-Standards.aspx>



# Call for Chairs

**2026 IBEA Fall Conference  
November 4-6, 2026**

It's fun, easy and rewarding!  
Session chairperson duties include:

- Greeting conference participants at the door
- Introducing the session speaker(s)
- Assisting the speaker with handouts
- Distributing and collecting session evaluations & Professional Development stickers

IBEA needs approximately *50 session chairpersons* for the 2026 IBEA Fall Conference. If you have any questions, please contact the IBEA President-Elect at **[preselect@ibea.org](mailto:preselect@ibea.org)**.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Business \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to chair more than one session if needed (no more than two)

YES  NO

Is there a specific topic or presenter you would like to chair for? We will *try to accommodate as many requests as possible*

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**By clicking the submit button below, you are sending your information via e-mail to the IBEA President-Elect to volunteer as a chairperson for the IBEA Fall Conference.**

A copy of this form submission will be e-mailed to you, the IBEA Webmaster, and stored in the IBEA website database until the Fall Conference is completed.

*When you click the submit button, your form will be processed. A successful form submission will redirect you to the home page of the IBEA website. If you receive a page of errors, please contact the Webmaster at: [webmaster@ibea.org](mailto:webmaster@ibea.org)*

## IACTE Update

IACTE is now using a new email address: [info@illinoisacte.org](mailto:info@illinoisacte.org).

### **CTE Showcase Day at the Capitol (Friday, April 17)**

Wilco Area Career Center, LIFT, Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center, Galesburg Area Vocational Center, Grundy Area Vocational Center, Reed-Custer High School, Vienna High School, Capital Area Career Center, and CUSD 300 have registered to participate in CTE Showcase Day. Tables will be set up and ready for the event in the south wing of the Rotunda. Everyone will need to go through security to enter the Capitol.

The ACTE Region III Conference will be held June 15–17, 2026, in Menomonie, Wis. Information can be found here: [ACTE Region III Conference](#). Early bird registration ends on April 20.

### **Back-to-School Conference (July 28 and 29 at Illinois State University Alumni Center)**

The next planned meeting for the Back-to-School Committee is Monday, April 13. As the schedule becomes finalized with topics and speakers, registration information will be shared throughout Illinois.

The IACTE Summer Board Meeting will take place on July 27 at the same location.

The ACTE CareerTech VISION Conference is set for December 2–5 in New Orleans. More information can be found at [CareerTech VISION](#).

## Now Accepting 2026 IBEA Awards Nominations!

- Distinguished Service
- Educator of the Year (Middle School, Secondary, and Collegiate)
- Supervisor/Administrator of the Year
- Professional Recognition
- Outstanding New Professional
- Friend of IBEA
- Research
- Writers' Hall of Fame

**Nominations due by August 15, 2026.**

**Winners honored at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual IBEA Conference  
November 4 - 6, 2026 | Springfield, IL**

**Questions? Email Beth Terpstra  
[awards@ibea.org](mailto:awards@ibea.org)**

**Nominate on the  
[IBEA website!](#)**

# MEMBERSHIP FORM



The Illinois Business Education Association (IBEA) encourages you to become a member of or renew your membership in your professional organizations for the upcoming membership year. Once your membership is processed, you will receive all the benefits that come with membership in IBEA and IACTE (Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education). Joining or renewing is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- 1) **Check** the type of membership you choose;
- 2) **Complete** the information section below;
- 3) **Return** this form along with your check payable to IBEA to April Suter, IBEA Membership, 3588 E Tater Holler Road, Avon, IL 61415

|  | IBEA                                | IBEA & IACTE                         |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| IBEA Regular<br>IACTE Professional                 | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$45.00 | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$105.00 |
| Student<br>(Not Yet Teacher Certified)             | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$15.00  |
| Retired  | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$40.00  |
| IBEA Retired Past President/<br>Retired IACTE      | Membership already<br>processed     | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$30.00  |
| Retired IBEA Past President/<br>Professional IACTE | Membership already<br>processed     | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$60.00  |
| Retired IBEA/<br>Professional IACTE                | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/><br>\$70.00  |

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Home City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

School Street: \_\_\_\_\_

School City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** Administration      Consultant      Coordinator      Student      Supervisor  
 (please circle) Teacher      Teacher Educator      Retired      Other  
**IBEA Affiliate:** CA=Chicago Area, C=Chicago, NI=Northern IL, WI=Western IL, PA=Peoria Area,  
 (please circle) MI=Mid IL, CI=Central IL, EI=Eastern IL, SW=Southwestern Area, SI= Southern IL

# Important Dates

## Mark Your Calendar!

### Professional Organizations

#### National Business Education Association

April 1 - 2, 2027  
Omaha, Nebraska

#### International Society for Business Education

TBA

#### Illinois Business Education Association

November 4 - 6, 2026  
Springfield, Illinois

#### Association for Career and Technical Education

December 2 - 6, 2026  
New Orleans, Louisiana

#### Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education

TBA

#### ACTE National Policy Seminar

March 7 - 11, 2027  
Arlington, Virginia

#### ACTE Region III Conference

June 15 - 17, 2026  
Menomonie, Wisconsin

#### ACTE Work-Based Learning Conference

TBA

#### Illinois Career Connections Conference

May 5 - 6, 2026  
Normal, Illinois

### Career and Technical Student Organizations

#### SkillsUSA

State Conference:  
April 23 - 25, 2026  
Peoria, Illinois

National Conference:  
June 1 - 5, 2026  
Atlanta, Georgia

#### Future Business Leaders of America

State Leadership Conference:  
April 9 - 10, 2027  
Peoria, Illinois

National Leadership Conference:  
June 29 - July 2, 2026  
San Antonio, Texas

#### FBLA Collegiate (formerly Phi Beta Lambda)

State Leadership Conference:  
TBA

National Leadership Conference:  
June 6 - 8, 2026  
Las Vegas, Nevada

#### Business Professionals of America

State Leadership Conference:  
TBA

National Leadership Conference:  
May 6 - 10, 2026  
Nashville, Tennessee

#### DECA

DECA ICDC (Collegiate)  
TBA

DECA ICDC (HS)  
April 17 - 20, 2027  
Anaheim, California