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A Message From Your President

Hello IBEA Members,

Welcome to the 2026–27 school year! I hope your summer gave you the chance to slow down, breathe, and step away from the classroom for a while because now that the bells are ringing again, we all know the pace picks up quickly. Between staff meetings, student and parent conferences, evaluations, grading, lesson planning, coaching, advising CTSOs, and the actual heart of it all, teaching, our plates fill up quickly. Add in family and personal commitments, and it is easy to put ourselves last on the list. As you dive into this new year, I want to encourage you to protect some time for yourself, too. That is one way to ensure your students get the best version of you!



Heather Borowiak
IBEA President

A great way to invest in yourself this fall is by joining us at the 2026 IBEA Annual Fall Conference. Save the date: November 4–6, 2026, once again at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield – a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. This year's theme, Igniting Change with Technology, will focus on helping business educators embrace innovation in the classroom and stay ahead of the curve. Registration is open now, so talk to your administrators early about funding to make sure you do not miss out. President-Elect Ally Ferguson and the Conference Planning Committee are hard at work putting together a lineup of workshops, vendor connections, and networking opportunities you will not want to miss. Interested in presenting? See the Call for Presenters later in this newsletter for details.

As always, we want to make sure you are in the loop. If you have changed schools this year and have a new email address, do not forget to update your ibea.org profile. Not yet part of our digital membership? Sign up [here](#). If you have a new business teacher in your department, we would love to hear about that as well so we can reach out.

Here's to a year full of energy, growth, and great things happening in your classrooms. Thank you for everything you do for your students and for our organization. I cannot wait to see you this fall!

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 visiting the illinoisibea page on Instagram!

The direct URL to the IBEA
Instagram page is:
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IBEA Board Briefs

Hello IBEA Members and Friends,

IBEA wishes you the best as you begin the 2026–27 school year. Thank you to our members who support students each day and contribute to business education across Illinois.

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. Corinne Hoisington will serve as our featured conference speaker, with Tonya Skinner as our featured breakout session presenter. Tonya will return as a featured speaker for the 2027 conference.

New for the 2026 IBEA Fall Conference is 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 postsecondary and career readiness. Tentative agenda highlights include:

- Postsecondary 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.](#)

New Certification Testing Opportunity: Earn Certifications and Receive Stipends

Certiport will be onsite during the conference to offer certification testing on Wednesday evening, November 4, and Thursday, November 5.

IBEA members who preregister for certification testing during conference registration may qualify for stipend funding for successfully completed certification exams. Members may earn a \$150 stipend for one certification passed on Wednesday and a \$150 stipend for one certification passed on Thursday, for a maximum stipend of \$300 per member.

Members may take additional certification exams at no extra cost; however, stipend funding is limited to two successfully passed certifications total, with a maximum of one stipend per day.

Registration Details

The testing fee for stipend eligibility is \$25 per exam. Members must preregister for certification testing when completing conference registration. Stipends will be mailed to members who successfully pass the certification exams for which they preregistered.

Space is limited to 40 participants, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

Funding Support

These stipends are made possible through the Gloria Bousley Scholarship Fund. The Gloria Bousley Scholarship was originally established to support IBEA graduate students pursuing careers in business teacher education through Illinois state-approved master's degree programs. The scholarship also includes provisions for certification and endorsement opportunities.

Your IBEA Board has been exploring additional ways to provide meaningful support to members, and this new initiative offers a valuable opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications while receiving financial assistance.

Conference registration opened in early July. Register early to secure one of the 40 available stipend opportunities.

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.](#)



Rod McQuality
IBEA Executive
Director

Sincerely,
Rod McQuality, IBEA Executive Director

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!



Dora J. Beattie

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.

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 were due June 15!
Visit www.ibea.org for an application and more information!



**INVESTING IN THE
FUTURE OF BUSINESS
EDUCATION**

**Supporting future and current
business educators as they learn,
grow, and lead.**

Remembering Dr. Susan Timm

On Friday, August 7, Dr. Susan Timm passed away in the comfort of her home with family by her side. Susan served as IBEA President from 2021–2022 and was very active on the IBEA Board in the years preceding her presidency.

Susan had an incredible gift for making people feel valued and capable. No matter how busy she was, she always seemed to have time for someone who needed her. She saw the best in people and, more importantly, helped them see it in themselves. There was truly never a moment when Susan was not finding a way to better the lives of those around her.

Born in Austin, Texas, and raised as an Air Force child, Susan had the opportunity to live in Canada and Spain and spend time as an exchange student in Colombia. She and her family traveled extensively, including to Mexico, Taiwan, and Japan. These experiences gave Susan a genuine appreciation for different cultures and perspectives and fueled her lifelong commitment to communication, diversity, and understanding.

Susan began studying communication in junior high and continued that passion throughout her life. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in communication and later her Doctorate of Education in Business from Northern Illinois University. Her career in higher education included teaching, mentoring, research, professional development, and leadership at Northern Illinois University, Elgin Community College, DePaul University, and other institutions. She became a respected expert in listening, communication, and multicultural sensitivity.

Susan also knew how to enjoy life. She loved her family, traveling, sports, theater, music, and the many experiences she shared with the people she loved. She understood the importance of making time for the things, and especially the people, that matter.

Dr. Susan Timm will be profoundly missed. Her absence leaves an incredible void, but her impact will continue through every person she encouraged, every student she inspired, every conversation she changed, and every life she made better.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, October 3, at 11:00 AM at New Covenant Bible Church in St. Charles, Illinois. A luncheon at the church will immediately follow the service.



Dr. Susan Timm

In Memory of Dr. Susan Timm

IBEA President, 2021–2022

**Her impact lives on in the people she
encouraged, the students she inspired, and
the lives she made better.**

IACTE Update

IACTE is now using a new email address, info@illinoisacte.org, and a new website, illinoisacte.org. Efforts are underway to redirect the previous website to the new site. New usernames and passwords are required to access the new site.

ACTE Region III Conference

The ACTE Region III Conference was held June 15–17, 2026, in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Dana King and Brian Rick of Illinois were presented with Awards of Merit. Nancy Coleman received the Carl Perkins Community Service Award and will advance to the ACTE National Competition.

IACTE Retreat and Board Meeting

The IACTE Retreat and Board Meeting was held July 27 at the Illinois State University Alumni Center. The meeting focused on:

- Moving from planning to implementation of the approved 2026–2029 [strategic plan](#)
- Affiliate engagement, including strengthening partnerships and building sustainability
- Committee alignment and the launch of action planning

Back-to-School Conference

The Back-to-School Conference was held July 28–29 at Illinois State University. More than 100 teachers and administrators participated, and ISBE implemented its mentor and mentee initiative. Participants who attended both days earned 10 professional development units.

New IACTE Board

- Michael Moriarty, President
- Holly Camerano, First Vice President
- Terry Stroh, Second Vice President
- Kaleb Smith, Past President

IACTE is hosting registration and conference information on its website for the [IFACSTA](#) and [ITEC](#) Fall Conferences, providing another opportunity to showcase the connections between IACTE and its affiliates.

IACTE Annual Conference

The IACTE Annual Conference, themed Bridging Educators, Industry, and Opportunity, will be held February 17–19, 2027, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Bank of Springfield Convention Center in Springfield. Registration information and the Call for Presentations will be released soon.

ACTE Conference

The ACTE Conference is scheduled for December 2–5, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana. More information can be found [here](#).

IBEA Membership Form

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	☐	☐
IACTE Professional	\$45.00	\$105.00
Student	☐	☐
(Not Yet Teacher Certified)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Retired	☐	☐
	\$10.00	\$40.00
IBEA Retired Past President/ Retired IACTE	Membership already processed	☐ \$30.00
Retired IBEA Past President/ Professional IACTE	Membership already processed	☐ \$60.00
Retired IBEA/ Professional IACTE	☐ \$10.00	☐ \$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

64th Annual Illinois Business Education Association Fall Conference Registration Form

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, November 4-6, 2026
President Abraham Lincoln—a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Springfield, Illinois

Name: _____		Your Preferred _____	
Address: _____		School _____	
Name: _____		City: _____	
State _____		Teaching Level: _____ Zip: _____	
Phone: _____		Email: _____	
County in which You Live: _____			
County in which You Teach: _____			
Are you interested in serving as a breakout session chairperson? ☐ Yes ☐ Not at this time			
Please mark your Illinois affiliate: CABEA CBEA CIBEA EIBEA MIBEA NIBEA PABEA SIBEA SWABEA WIABEA			
Please mark all that are appropriate:			
☐ First-Timer ☐ Retired ☐ Student ☐ Past President			
New Teacher? (1-3 Years): ☐ 1st Year ☐ 2nd Year ☐ 3rd Year			
Are you a member of NBEA? ☐ Yes ☐ No			

Early-Bird Registration—Postmarked by October 19, 2026			Membership Dues (if not already paid)		
	Professional IBEA Member	\$250		IBEA Professional / IBEA & IACTE	\$45 / \$105
	Retired IBEA Member	\$190		IBEA Student	\$10
	Student IBEA Member	\$100		IBEA Retired	\$10
	Non-IBEA Member	\$375		IACTE Student	\$15
	Retired Past President of IBEA	\$0		IACTE Retired	\$30

— Postmarked after Regular Registration October 19, 2026			Certiport will offer the following certification exams with conference registration. Exams are 50 minutes long and begin promptly. Please mark which exam(s) you wish to take. NEW: This year, each test will cost \$25, but successful completion will earn you a stipend of \$150 per test.		
	Professional IBEA Member	\$300			
	Retired IBEA Member	\$190			
	Student IBEA Member	\$100			
	Non-IBEA Member	\$375			
	TOTAL (if paying by check)			Communication Skills for Business (CSB)	Entrepreneurship and Small Business (ESB)

			IC3 Digital Literacy		Intuit Certified User (QuickBooks)
Meal Functions — <i>Please mark the meals you plan on attending</i>			IT Specialist		Microsoft Office Specialist
	Thursday Brunch (opening session)		Unity Certified User		Project Management Institute
	Friday Breakfast Buffet		Certification Testing Registration is Limited. Testing Registration Deadline is October 30, 2026. You can get a stipend for ONE test Wednesday and ONE test Thursday.		
	Friday Lunch (closing sessions and awards)				
Register online at www.ibea.org when using a credit card. If paying by check, please return this completed REGISTRATION form with your check made payable to Illinois Business Education Association and mail to the attention of: Josh Ebbert 6427 N. Oakbrook Ct. Peoria, IL 61614			Wed Evening (5:30 pm)		Wed Evening (6:45 pm)
			Thurs Morning (8:00 am)		Thurs Afternoon (2:30 pm)
					Thurs Afternoon (3:40 pm)

Fall Conference PD Units Available

Attend the IBEA Fall Conference 2026 and earn up to 12 Professional Development Units (PDUs) toward your ISBE professional development requirements. Attendees will receive a form in their registration packet to be stamped at each session attended. Completed forms will be collected at the end of the conference, and earned hours will be added directly to your account.

Meet Our Fall Conference Keynote Speaker



Corinne Hoisington is a nationally recognized technology educator, author, and sought-after speaker with more than 30 years of teaching experience. A full-time professor of Information Systems Technology at Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg, Virginia, Corinne combines her passion for education with extensive expertise in emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, ChatGPT, Microsoft 365, and other digital tools transforming today's classrooms and workplaces.

Each year, Corinne travels more than 250,000 miles delivering keynote addresses and professional training for organizations and events around the world, including Microsoft Corporation, Microsoft Canada International Events, Cengage Learning, ByteSpeed, National Geographic Abu Dhabi, Capital One International Bank, JLab, Executive LIVE in London and Johannesburg, and South by Southwest (SXSW) in Austin, Texas.

Corinne is also the author of more than 30 textbooks published by Cengage Learning/National Geographic, covering topics such as Outlook 365, Office 365, Microsoft Windows, Android Boot Camp Java, Technology Now, and Visual Basic. As a thought leader, professor, author, and corporate trainer, she brings a wealth of practical knowledge and enthusiasm for helping educators understand, embrace, and effectively use rapidly evolving technology.

Testing

CERTIPORT®

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Earn Up to \$300 During the Conference

Conference attendees have the opportunity to earn up to \$300 by successfully completing two new Certiport certification exams during the event. Earn \$150 for each certification exam you pass — maximum of two. Limited to the first 40 participants. Made possible through the IBEA Beattie Scholarship Program.

Available Certification Exams

- Business & Entrepreneurship
 - Communication Skills for Business (CSB)
 - Entrepreneurship and Small Business (ESB)
- Technology & Digital Literacy
 - IC3 Digital Literacy
 - IT Specialist
 - Microsoft Office Specialist
 - Unity Certified User
- Finance & Accounting
 - Intuit Certified User (QuickBooks)
- Project Management
 - Project Management Institute

Registration Reminder
You were asked to sign up when you registered. If you did not, you may check to see if there are any open spots.

Fall Conference Detailed Overview

The IBEA Fall Conference brings together educators, industry experts, authors, innovators, and thought leaders for professional learning across business, marketing, finance, leadership, technology, and teaching practice. With sessions Wednesday through Friday, attendees can build a schedule around their interests and professional goals.

Sessions in Business & Entrepreneurship Education will explore student-run enterprises, workplace readiness, innovation and creativity, and sustainable success and mindset development. Featured sessions include Real Work. Real Revenue. Real Skills with Janet Sanford, Student Run Business with Tricia Campbell, and From Classroom to Career: Building Workplace Readiness Through Certifications with Pearson/Certiport.

Leadership, Communication & School Culture sessions will address high-impact leadership, thriving school cultures, authentic magnetism and professional growth, resilience and burnout prevention, strategic communication, conflict resolution, finding common ground, and preparing students to think, speak, and lead.

Attendees will also find sessions focused on Teaching Practice & Instructional Design, including staff training, balancing technology and non-technology approaches, time management, digital escape rooms, and interactive learning experiences. Tonya Skinner will present Stop the Tech Tug-of-War and Less Stress, More Success.

Technology & AI in Education will feature AI tools for instruction, Google tools for media-rich learning, virtual museums, maps and adventures, and responsible AI use. Kara McElwrath will present Bring Learning to Life: Virtual Adventures, Museums, Maps & More, AI Curiosity to Classroom Impact, and Designing Digital Escape Rooms, while Dr. Jennifer Williams will present Back-door Teaching & Learning with AI.

Personal Finance & Career Readiness topics include the Illinois Personal Finance Challenge, future orientation for students, postsecondary preparation, and retirement as reinvention. The Illinois State Treasurer's Office will present Empower Your Students with the Personal Finance Challenge. Josh Ebbert will lead a Sports Marketing Roundtable, and Dr. Nesrin Bakir and the ISU team will present One Profession. One Future. One Shared Responsibility on statewide business education advocacy.

Throughout the conference, attendees can expect hands-on workshops, high-energy sessions, practical tools, cutting-edge AI and technology integration, leadership and communication skill-building, and statewide networking. With presenters representing universities, industry partners, authors, consultants, and national speakers, the conference is designed to energize, equip, and inspire business educators with ideas and strategies they can put to work right away.

Fall Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance

Wednesday, November 4

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	IBEA Executive Council Meeting and Lunch
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	IBEA Dinner (offsite) & Board Meeting
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Session 1 - <i>Certiport Testing</i>
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.	Session 2 - <i>Certiport Testing</i>

Thursday, November 5

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration Desk Open
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Session 3 - <i>Certiport Testing</i>
9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	Session 4 - <i>Legislative Update</i>
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Session 5
10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits & Silent Auction open (<i>closed during Opening Session</i>)
11:10 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Opening General Session (<i>featuring awards and featured speaker Corinne Hoisington</i>)
1:20 - 2:20 p.m.	Session 6
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Session 7 - <i>Certiport Testing</i>
3:40 - 4:40 p.m.	Session 8 - <i>Certiport Testing</i>
4:35 - 5:00 p.m.	Final time to see exhibits, silent auction closes, exhibit ticket numbers called
4:50 - 5:15 p.m.	<i>Affiliate Meetings</i>
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.	President's Reception - with raffles, snacks, beverages, and networking

Friday, November 6

7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Registration Desk Open
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Session 9
8:40 - 9:40 a.m.	Session 10
9:50 - 10:50 a.m.	Session 11
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Closing Session: <i>Lunch, Business Meeting, Scholarships, Passing of the Gavel</i>
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	PD Desk Open

Fall Conference Session Overview

The 2026 IBEA Fall Conference will feature a diverse lineup of sessions designed to address the opportunities and challenges facing today's business educators. Throughout the conference, attendees will have opportunities to explore practical classroom strategies, emerging technologies, workforce connections, and new approaches to preparing students for success beyond the classroom.

Technology and artificial intelligence will be an important part of this year's program, with sessions examining AI tools for instruction, responsible AI use, Google tools, digital escape rooms, virtual learning experiences, and other ways educators can use technology to create engaging learning opportunities. Attendees will also find sessions focused on instructional practice, including balancing technology and non-technology approaches, time management, interactive learning experiences, and strategies educators can put to use in their classrooms right away.

Business and career education remain at the heart of the conference. Sessions will explore student-run enterprises, entrepreneurship, workplace readiness, industry-recognized certifications, personal finance, postsecondary preparation, marketing, and ways to connect classroom learning with authentic business and career experiences. Other sessions will focus on skills students need for the workplace, including communication, conflict resolution, leadership, creativity, and the ability to think and respond effectively in professional environments.

The conference will also provide opportunities for educators to focus on their own professional growth. Sessions addressing leadership, school culture, resilience, collaboration, communication, and sustainable success will offer strategies for strengthening individual practice and educational programs. Attendees will also have opportunities to consider the future of business education in Illinois, including statewide advocacy and the shared responsibility of strengthening and sustaining business education.

With presenters bringing experience from education, business, industry, technology, professional organizations, and other areas of expertise, the 2026 IBEA Fall Conference will offer a variety of perspectives while maintaining a practical focus on the work of business educators. Whether attendees are looking for a new classroom idea, a better way to integrate technology, stronger connections to industry, strategies for preparing students for their next steps, or opportunities to learn alongside other business educators, this year's conference will provide professional learning designed specifically for the Illinois business education community.



Call for Presenters

Illinois Business Education Association

2026 IBEA Fall Conference

Application Priority Deadline: July 1, 2026

Last Call 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 Igniting Change with Technology.! 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

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: 2-Hour Deep-Dive *Morning* Session
- ☐ Thursday, November 5: 1-Hour *Morning* Session
- ☐ Thursday, November 5: 1-Hour *Afternoon* Session
- ☐ Friday, November 6: 2-Hour Deep-Dive *Morning* 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>

Session Information:

Session Title _____

Name of Speaker(s) _____

School/Organization _____

Position/Title _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Please enter the phone number in the following format: +1(XXX)XXX-XXXX.

Work Phone _____

Please enter the phone number in the following format: +1(XXX)XXX-XXXX.

Fax _____

Please enter the fax number in the following format: +1(XXX)XXX-XXXX.

Preferred E-mail Address

Session Description

Audio/Visual Equipment Needed:

☐ Projector ☐ Screen ☐ Table ☐ Other

Internet Access (Presenter) ☐

Internet Access (Participant) ☐



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***.

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, session, or presenter you would prefer to work with? We will try to accommodate as many requests as possible.

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 - 5, 2026
New Orleans, Louisiana**Illinois Association for
Career and Technical Education**
February 17 - 19, 2027
Springfield, Illinois**ACTE National Policy Seminar**
March 7 - 11, 2027
Arlington, Virginia**ACTE Region III Conference**
TBA**ACTE Work-Based Learning Conference**
April 28 - 30, 2027
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**Illinois Career Connections Conference**
TBA

Career and Technical Student Organizations

SkillsUSA

State Conference:
April 22 - 24, 2027
Peoria, Illinois

National Conference:
June 21 - 25, 2027
Atlanta, Georgia

Future Business Leaders of America

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

National Leadership Conference:
June 23 - 26, 2027
Columbus, Ohio

**FBLA Collegiate
(formerly Phi Beta Lambda)**
State Leadership Conference:
March 12 - 13, 2027
Peoria, Illinois

National Leadership Conference:
June 23 - 26, 2027
Columbus, Ohio

Business Professionals of America
State Leadership Conference:
TBA

National Leadership Conference:
May 5 - 9, 2027
Denver, Colorado

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DECA ICDC (Collegiate)
TBA

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