



Illinois Communication and Theatre Association President's Report Annual Meeting, 2019

Welcome to the 2019 Annual Convention! It has been a great year, and I am so excited about not only this convention, but also where we are headed in the future. Here is a recap of my activities this year.

- Instituted cost saving measures that included digital “Zoom” meetings which allowed board members to meet without leaving their homes. This saved on board lunch expenses and mileage. When we did meet in person, board members chipped in for lunch, also as a cost saving measure.
- Conducted a virtual meeting on February 20 to discuss our 2020 Convention location, looking specifically at potentially moving convention from a hotel setting to a college setting. After an extensive discussion, we voted. At this time, we decided to keep our convention at a hotel (for now).
- Conducted a virtual meeting on Sunday, March 17 to discuss how to proceed in finding a new executive director following Anna Wright's resignation.
- Thanked Anna Wright for her service and dedication to ICTA during her tenure with this organization. These thanks were both informal via a personal email and formal in the form of a letter from the ICTA Board.
- With the help of the board, conducted a search for a new Executive Director following Anna Wright's resignation. We were delighted that Edward Schwarz accepted the position. He is a tremendous addition to the board.
- Worked with Bryan Asbury, Brian Rohman, Ed Schwarz, and Julie Weishar to find a location to house our ICTA Archive and materials. We explored the possibility of digitizing at least part of our archive.
- Continues working with treasurer, Melissa Entzminger, and executive director, Ed Schwarz, exploring an appeal to our denial of tax exempt status.
- Served on the 2019 Convention Planning Committee.

- Shared ideas with Lauren Morgan and the nominating committee as to potential treasurer candidates.

Respectfully Submitted,

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