ILLINOIS COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ASSOCIATION Annual Report – Submitted by Vice President Brian Rohman

ICTA Vice President's Report – September 28, 2018

- **1.** I would like to thank President-Elect Lisa Stout for giving me the opportunity to serve on her convention planning committee. This convention has some outstanding panels.
- 2. I have visited the 2019 Convention Site. I met with Cristina Bocacao at the Sheraton in Lisle, IL this summer. The guest room rate is a bit higher than the last two years at \$129/night. This includes a free breakfast buffet as well as wifi. We will also have free wifi in the conference areas as well. The Sheraton in Lisle has also donated a free night stay with breakfast for two for next year's convention. Plan to attend the closing session where that will be a raffle item.
- 3. I also have decided on my theme of Advocacy through [_____]. The whole idea is that our discipline is all about advocacy, but that takes different forms. For some it's the classroom or service projects while for others it is speech and debate. Right now, it is even the advocacy for our organization and our discipline in our K-12 classrooms. I am looking forward to planning next year's convention.
- 4. I am in the process of assembling my convention planning committee.
- 5. I have my call for proposals ready for distribution. If you have an idea for a panel for next year, see the call in the convention program, scan the QR code, or visit the convention website at <u>www.illinoiscta.org/2019-convention</u>.
- 6. In my capacity as Interim Communications Directory, I helped Executive Secretary Anna Wright orchestrate online registration for this year's convention. The new payment system seemed to work well in conjunction with our Wild Apricot system.
- 7. I would like to thank the membership for your continued support. I am looking forward to planning the 2019 convention. Please let me know if you want to get involved in any way.