



Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs, Inc.

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“Remember, Renew, Recharge”

Summer Edition

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Oh Boy! This has been an unusual time for all of us, but especially as your President. We, as executive team, have continued to move the goals of IFBWC forward. We are excited to announce the first ever digital IFBWC convention. The decision to hold a digital convention was done with much careful planning. We wish to keep everyone safe and healthy. Convention will take place this Spring on a tighter 1-day schedule packed with meaningful content. The executive team will host convention from the approved location of the Holiday Inn Champaign, but we will be asking each of you to attend by Zoom, following the Bylaws as they currently exist. We are also holding a digital pre-convention Board meeting Friday and a digital post-convention board meeting Sunday afternoon by Zoom.

I appreciate all of you that attended our groundbreaking ZOOM meetings over the past 2 years. I appreciate the executive team, and all of the past parliamentarians that I've reached out to and their response and assistance to the unique circumstances.

Even more exciting is that the executive team has voted to use the convention sponsorship budget to sponsor each and everyone of you. That is right; there is no cost to you to register and attend our April convention. We just ask that you only register if you actually plan to attend since we rely on registration data to confirm quorum. I look forward to seeing your faces brady bunch style over Zoom.

We have some interesting bylaw changes up for discussion, including providing greater flexibility in the future for digital conventions. To vote, we need quorum. For that to happen, we NEED YOU.

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Cherie Kesler
2019 - 2021 President

FROM THE STATE SECRETARY

As I complete my report today, I am thinking of the people in Texas and their suffering. I feel so comparatively fortunate in what I have as a result. I am spreading this information for people who want to help in some way and may appreciate this information, so here is a good link with worthy charitable organizations: <https://impact.publicgood.com/campaign/32aae311-7e95-485d-9f7a-931486471b96?medium=share&fbclid=IwAR1uz0R1Nxv0j9OPghUHgR9UB9OQI8Ja1DvhAaEJLHUUWCAYQI8z-Xzb5hE>

Since Interim Board, your Executive Committee has been busy pulling together arrangements for the 2021 State Convention, and taking other actions to continue the good work of this organization. It has been a challenge in this unusual two year period, but our members have come up with a host of Zoom activities and other good works to sustain us as we go forward. We are all hopeful that by the time of our next leadership meeting we will be able to see each other in person, as we did last year. I particularly wanted to thank our Executive Committee for serving in these offices for two years. It has been a labor of love, but also a privilege to serve all of you.

For those of you who attended leadership last September, I did want to let you know that one of our speakers, Isak Griffiths, is now my Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk. She is doing the same terrific job for me that she did for Champaign County as Deputy County Administrator. I have been in office now since December 1, and as Fayrene Wright can tell you, being an elected official during COVID definitely presents its own unusual situations as well.

I do look forward to seeing many of you at convention. We have some surprises planned both pre convention and during convention for all who register to attend, so keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements of what we are doing.

All of us are going to continue forward in some capacity to serve the Federation in this upcoming year, full of optimism and hope that we can continue to carry forward our service mission of women serving women, and grow our organization accordingly.

Susan McGrath

2019 - 2021 Secretary

Past President

FROM THE STATE TREASURER

I hope that you are all staying healthy, warm, and enjoying the sun when it appears.

A reminder that the Local 990s are due for some of you. You are required by Illinois IRS Law to submit a 990 even though you do not pay any kind of Tax. If your Local Organization does have a Tax Exemption, you are required to submit the 990 to retain the IRS Tax Exemption. Also, as a State Organization all Locals that are a part of that organization are required to submit a 990 so that the State Organization retains its IRS classification. If you have questions about submitting the 990 there is a step by step instruction on the IFBWC website in the Members Only section.

I also want to bring to your attention that as an organization the expenses are spending an estimated \$30,000 more than the income. Right now the money is being taken out of the Investment Fund to support programs and normal expenses. As our members decrease, so will the income.

As of February 19th there are 150 active members. We need more members to increase income and to continue to do the activities to help women and support our communities. If we do not increase the membership we will run out of members who are willing to run the organization. All you need to do is ask 1 person to join every month. Have Zoom or Google virtual meetings. Do workshops online or over the phone. Find a very large parking lot and have a meeting in the parking lot each person sitting in their car or outside, each person can take a picnic dinner, and hold a meeting while social distancing.

We are in such a perfect time to mentor women who need our help. We have the technology, knowledge, and experience to help women all over this state get through a very hard time in the world. But this is what women do, we help each other get through hard times.

I hope that you are all safe and healthy. Please let me know if I can help in any way,

Tina Klein

2019 - 2021 Treasurer

IFBWC WEBSITE UPDATES

It has come to my attention that there are a lot of members who have not updated their information on the website. If you are having issues updating your information please contact me with the information that needs to be changed and I will be happy to help out.

Tina Klein

IFBWC Webmistress

CHAIR OF NOMINATIONS REPORT

First and foremost, I am currently taking applications for the open position of President-Elect until Tuesday, February 23rd. Once we have all the applications, we will send out information on where and how to vote. Per Bylaws, we must elect a President-Elect within 60 days of the vacancy. If you are considering running for President-Elect please send me your application as soon as possible.

I am happy to announce that we have filled most of the positions for next year. That said, there are a few positions still available if you know of someone who would be perfect for the position please contact me or Cherie Kesler.

Available Positions:

President - Elect: her main duties involve planning and coordinating all state activities for the upcoming year, making appointments and assignments. She is responsible for editing the Illinois Leadership Directory, which is distributed under her supervision. The president-elect presides during the absence of the president and takes the place of the presiding officer whenever it is necessary for the latter to leave the chair. (I.E. if the president decides to engage in debate. The president elect takes the chair when a motion is proposed which affects the president only and remains in the chair until the motion is disposed of). For further discussion of the duties of the president-elect, refer to the bylaws, Article XII, and the "Officers Duties" section of this handbook.

Secretary: Take minutes at all EXCOM Meetings, Interim Board, and Convention. Report on any correspondence on behalf of the organization.

Membership Representatives and Alternate Membership Representatives: Represent the members as voting member of the IFBWC Board at Interim Board, Convention, and any other items that need Board Approval. For more information on this position, see Bylaws on page 10 of this newsletter.

Convention Chair and Convention Committee Members: Convention Chair works with the current President, President-Elect, and the hosting hotel to organize meeting space, workshops, meals, and vendors. Convention Team members needed: Registration, Voting Judge, Floor Coordinators, First Timer Workshop Chair, Time Keepers, and Vendor Coordinator.

Running for Elected Positions:

I received applications for the following positions.

President-Elect - Amanda Burk

Treasurer - Carol Burk

Membership Representatives: Jessica Wright, Deanna Whittington, Jenny Ravanh, Tammy Resch

Alternate Membership Representatives: Cinty Stock, Misty Nabors, Karen Walsh

If you wish to run for any of the above positions, please contact myself and/or Cherie Kesler. The deadline for applications was February 1st. You will need to be nominated from the Convention Floor and be prepared to give a speech to help persuade them to vote for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Galicia, Chair of Nominations



Each week we will share any updates on the bills to remove the time limit in both houses of Congress, with special notation to any new co-sponsors.

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Reps.

"Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment. That notwithstanding any time limit contained in House Joint Resolution 208, 92d Congress, as agreed to in the Senate on March 22, 1972, the article of amendment proposed to the States in that joint resolution shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the United States Constitution whenever ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States."

SJ RES 1

HJ RES 17

Lead Sponsor:
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

Lead Sponsor:
Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA)

Lead Co-Sponsor:
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Lead Co-Sponsor:
Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY)

Total Sponsors:
2
(same as last week)

Total Sponsors:
202
(same as last week)

Tina Klein
ERA Representative

Board Rules

Motions: Must be in writing, signed by the maker of the motion and the person seconding the motion. Furnished to the Chair before action is taken. Motion forms are available for this purpose. Only members of the voting body may introduce motions.

Debate: To ask recognition from the Chair, the speaker should proceed to the microphone and give name and title. The speaker shall state whether speaking in the affirmative or negative. Debate on a motion shall be limited to two minutes per speaker, and ten minutes for each question. General consent is needed for additional time and if there is an objection to general consent, a formal vote must be taken, with 2/3rds vote required to grant additional time.

No member shall speak a second time until everyone wishing to speak has had an opportunity. An observer may participate in debate, provided there is no board member wishing to speak, asking recognition by the same procedure as required by a member of the voting body.

Timekeeper: The Chair will appoint a timekeeper. It is the timekeeper's duty to indicate to each speaker a 30 second warning before time expires.

Reports: Each standing and special committee chair presenting a report has the time indicated after their title on the Board Agenda. There are also written reports included within your board packet.

Parliamentary Authority: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Edition, is the parliamentary authority for this meeting.

Seating: All voting board members should sit towards the head table. Standing Committee Chairs have assigned seating.

Observers should sit behind the voting members. Any Standing Committee Chair who is absent may provide a delegate to replace them per Section 6 of the Federation Bylaws.

Bylaws Changes

ARTICLE VIII LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. The State shall be composed of the following existing Local Organizations:

Centralia	Greater Peoria	Panhandle Area
Champaign/Urbana	Highland	Paris
Clinton	Kewanee	Rantoul
Coles County	Chicago/LaGrange	Southwestern Illinois
Crawford County	Metro East	Taylorville
Eastern Illinois University (Student Level Club)	Morris	
Effingham	Mt. Vernon	

**Note: The final copy will alphabetize the remaining LOs.

ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Chair of Nominations to:

b) ~~Request local organizations endorsing a member to submit name, information as to qualifications and federation experience,~~ Request that a qualified member in good standing submit the required application and a picture of nominee on or before February 1;

ARTICLE XIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least three (3) times each year in person or by electronic meeting platform;

- a) Immediately preceding the annual State Convention;
- b) ~~Immediately after the annual~~ Within thirty (30) days after the annual State Convention;
- c) Mid-year, or at such time as the Executive Committee shall designate;
- d) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time and shall be called by the President upon request of five (5) members of the Board of Directors. The notice shall designate the time, place and purpose of the meeting and shall be given at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the date for which the meeting is called. The business to be transacted at any special meeting shall be stated in the Call and no other business except that stated shall be transacted at such meeting.

Bylaws Changes continued...

ARTICLE XVI STATE CONVENTION

Section 1. The Federation shall hold an annual State Convention in the spring of each year at the place ~~designated by the Federation at the annual State Convention held in the spring two years prior thereto, or by the Board of Directors~~ designed by vote at the annual State Convention or by the Board of Directors; or by electronic meeting platform. The time of the annual State Convention shall be fixed by the State President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

CONVENTION 2021

SCHEDULE

Friday April 23

6:30 pm Pre-Convention Board Meeting ZOOM/Phone

Saturday April 24

9:00-9:45 am Key Note Speaker ZOOM/Phone

9:45-9:50 Health break

9:50-11:45 am Convention Opens 1st Business Session

11:45-12:15 pm Awards & Golden Book of Memories

12:15-1:00pm Lunch (on our own)

12:40-1:00pm President's Roast

(Please feel free to continue to enjoy your lunch)

1:00-1:30 pm Celia M. Howard Fellowship Presentation

(Please feel free to continue to enjoy your lunch)

1:30-1:45 pm Health Break/Election vote #1 by email

1:45-4:45 pm Convention Reconvenes 2nd Business Session

4:45-5:00 pm Election vote #2 (if necessary)/ Heath Break

5:00-6:00 pm Installation of 2021-2022 Officers

(Join us with a beverage of your choice to toast our new officers)

6:00-7:00 pm Dinner (on our own)

7:30 pm Social Zoom Happy Hour

(Join us with a beverage of your choice to chat and catch up)

Sunday, April 25, 2020

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Post Convention Meeting ZOOM/Phone

Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs, Inc.
99th Annual State Convention, April 23 - 25, 2021
Holiday Inn Champaign, 101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign, IL 61820 / ZOOM / PHONE
Registration Form

Local Organization _____

Name (Please Print) _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email _____

Credential Classification

- Past State President State Board: (Member: State Officer/Membership Rep/Standing Committee Chair – Circle)
 Local Organization President Member

Special Classification: Check ONLY if Applicable

- 1st Time Attendee (IFBW Member attending entire convention for the first time)
 Visitor (Non IFBWC Member)

Registration (Postmarked by April 16, 2021)

<input type="radio"/> IFPBW Member Registration ZOOM/Phone	Free
<input type="radio"/> Visitor Registration ZOOM/Phone	Free
<input type="radio"/> Student Registration ZOOM/Phone	Free
<input type="radio"/> Saturday, Celia M. Howard Luncheon	Free
<input type="radio"/> Saturday, Installation	Free
TOTAL REMITTANCE	\$

Mail completed form and payment to: Make checks payable to IFBWC. Mail To: Tina Klein, 28016 State Highway 16, Jerseyville, IL 62052 Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt. Your registration will be returned if illegible or amount is incorrect. Register & pay on line by going to: www.ifbwc.org.

***Note: You still need to register so that we can make sure there is a Quorum.

Saturday Keynote Speaker - Debbie Hensleigh



I am a writer, speaker, and lead workshops on living life on purpose. As I navigate and explore, I share and encourage to guide others into their own Best ThirdThird. It is my dream to inspire thousands to discern how to make the most of their first Two Thirds and purposely design their own Best ThirdThird.

As a workshop provider, coach, or a keynote speaker, you will be glad you hired Debbie Hensleigh to address you and your audience on discerning their own BestThirdThird.

Topics include:

+ T H I R D T H I R D P R E F E R E N C E S : What is your Third Third Personality?

For more information about Debbie Hensleigh and other workshops go to:

<https://yourbestthirdthird.com/hire-debbie/>

Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham

April 22-24, 2022

Room Rate of \$149.00 (Breakfast) includes 2 breakfast coupons

Meeting Room and Audio visual approx. \$2500

Meal prices range between \$15-\$30 plus 22% service charge and 7.75% sales tax.



Wyndham in Springfield

April 15-17, 2022

Room Rate of \$109 (includes 1 breakfast per night) plus taxes

Parking \$7 per night

Minimum meeting room \$750 , Audio visual costs approx. \$1500

Meal prices ranges between \$15-\$30 plus 22% services charge and 9.75% sales tax





Past State Presidents Birthdays

March:

Patricia McNicholas - 22

April:

Susie Dewale - 7

Tasha Roedl-Rhodes - 18

Aina Holland - 19

May:

Cindy Heflin - 1

Sonja Chames - 16

Judy Bredeweg - 19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10 LO reports/Achievement of Excellence Award Application due to State President

April 23 - 25 99th Annual Convention in Champaign/ZOOM/Phone

For Local Organization events please go to the Google Calendar on the IFBWC website at www.ifbwc.org

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Dues Form ~ Remit with your payment.

Please Print

\$35.00 MOL \$13.00 Student Member

\$35.00 Member at Large

Member ID: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Local: _____ Region: _____

New Renewal Sponsor _____

Student Status: Full-Time Part-Time (check one)

School: _____

Major _____ Exp Grad Date: _____

**SEND TO: IFBWC, PO Box 1174,
Springfield, IL 62705-1174**

ONE FORM PER NEW/ RENEWAL

LO Treasurer, please complete one of the two:

1. Collect a check from the member that is for the state portion only
2. Request that your member write one check to your LO and the LO will then submit the appropriate amount to state.

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The mission of IFBW shall be to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information.

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INFORMATION CURRENT!!IF
YOU NEED TO MAKE
CHANGES USE THE
CONTACT US LINK ON THE
WEBSITE**