
IAACE May 2026 Newsletter- Annual Meeting Recep

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We want to hear from you!

IAACE Members, it has been my great pleasure to serve as your President during this program year. Thank you for the commitment and dedication each of you continues to show to our organization and to the field of adult education. If you were able to join us on Friday for our Annual Meeting, we hope you had the opportunity to learn more about our board and the important work being done on behalf of our members.

During the meeting, we shared a new [member survey](#) and are asking all members to take a few moments to provide feedback. The survey is completely anonymous, and we truly want to hear from you.

We would appreciate your thoughts on:

What would you like to see more of through your IAACE membership?

What do you believe is going well within the organization?

What goals and priorities do you think IAACE should focus on moving forward?

Please feel free to share constructive feedback and ideas. As a board, we are only as strong as our members, and we know our members are the very best.

Thank you again for your continued support, involvement, and passion for adult education.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Caroline Foster



**WE WANT YOUR
FEEDBACK!**



MEMBER PERCEPTIONS:

HOW DO YOU THINK IAACE IS PERFORMING
OVERALL?

BENEFIT UTILIZATION:

WHAT SPECIFIC MEMBER BENEFITS DO YOU VALUE
MOST?

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

SHARE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF OUR PROGRESS ON
THE KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES.

SHARE YOUR VOICE

Help shape the future of your membership

Share your thoughts on benefits, communication, and our strategic plan outcomes

IAACE/ILA Annual Meeting Recap

The IAACE and ILA Annual Meeting brought together members from across Indiana to reflect on a year of strong growth, advocacy, and collaboration in adult education and literacy. One of the highlights of the meeting was the celebration of the successful COABE conference with Sharon Booney, COABE CEO. The COABE Conference held in Indianapolis, which welcomed 2,584 attendees and became the third-largest conference in COABE history. Members also received important legislative updates from IAACE lobbyist, Lauren Box, including the passage of House Enrolled Act 1195, extending Indiana's high school equivalency pilot program through June 30, 2028.

Financial reports showed IAACE remains in a healthy position, ending the year with a surplus of \$57,211. Members approved the upcoming budget and heard

updates about the 2026 IAACE Conference, scheduled for September 30–October 2 at Belterra. Board elections were also held, welcoming Ryan LaPlante as President-Elect and Katie Walton as Treasurer, along with four newly elected at-large board members, Adrienne Carrol, Marilyn Pitzulo, Hannah Price and Katie Sattler.

Additional discussions focused on bylaw updates, professional development opportunities, strategic planning, advocacy efforts, and continued partnerships with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Members were encouraged to complete the membership survey, submit conference proposals and award nominations, participate in committee work, and continue sharing the impact of adult education across Indiana.

The meeting concluded with updates from the Indiana Literacy Association and a renewed commitment to strengthening adult education, workforce development, and lifelong learning opportunities throughout the state.

Slides:

Welcome to the
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Indiana Literacy Association
Advancing Indiana Through Adult Literacy
2026 Annual Meeting
iaace.com/membership-annual-meeting/



Minutes:



2026 IAACE/ILA Annual Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 15, 2026
10:00 am ET
Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
[/us06web.zoom.us/j/3177219365?pwd=1HL6VhD9ta4284YdJxhGI1RfdD3Lmn=82591057352](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3177219365?pwd=1HL6VhD9ta4284YdJxhGI1RfdD3Lmn=82591057352)

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Indiana Literacy Association
Advancing Indiana Through Adult Literacy



2026 Annual Meeting

membership-annual-meeting/



Recording is published on website as well. The recording begins after the call to order and the introduction of the guest speaker, Sharon Booney, COABE CEO.

<https://iaace.com/membership-annual-meeting/>



CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This certifies that

_____ has completed the IAACE/ILA Professional Development
IAACE /ILA Annual Meeting

May 15, 2026
1 hour

JENNIFER WIGGINTON
Executive Director



Annual Meeting Attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance/Participation for Professional Development Points. Check your email inbox.



Show Off Your Graduates!

IAACE wants to celebrate the amazing accomplishments happening across Indiana Adult Education programs this graduation season!

We invite you to share graduate photos, success stories, student quotes, and celebrations for inclusion in upcoming newsletters and social media.

No formal write-up needed — quick updates and photos are perfect!

Submit here: <https://forms.gle/db6oovy8rZhWetZh9>

[Quick Graduation Spotlight Form](#)



Share Your Magic: 2026 IAACE Call for Proposals Now Open!

Ready to share your ideas, strategies, and success stories with the adult education community? The 2026 IAACE Conference Call for Proposals is open!

We are looking for engaging sessions that inspire, inform, and spark meaningful conversations for adult educators across Indiana and beyond. Whether you have innovative classroom practices, leadership insights, advocacy experiences, technology tools, or learner success stories to share, we encourage you to submit a proposal and be part of shaping this year's conference experience.

Presenting is a great opportunity to showcase your expertise, connect with colleagues, and contribute to the continued growth of our field. New presenters are welcome, too. Your voice and experiences matter!

Presentation Types

Concurrent Session:

Wednesday 75 minutes

Thursday and Friday Sessions: 60 minutes

Presentation Format

Presenter will present in person

Submit your proposal and learn more here: [2026 IAACE Call for Proposals](#)

[IAACE Call for Proposal](#)

Professional Development



human-i-t



Preparing Adult Learners for an AI-Driven Workforce

Charles Pellicane - Lila Zermeno

Thursday, June 18

2:00 pm ET

REGISTER TO ATTEND:

<https://bit.ly/IAACEJunePD>



Artificial Intelligence is rapidly changing the workplace – including many blue-collar and skilled labor industries. Join Charles Pellicane from Human-I-T for a professional development session designed to help educators better understand how AI is shaping the future of work and how adult education classrooms can adapt.

This session will provide insight into an AI-focused course developed to support working adults and blue-collar learners in building confidence with emerging technology, workplace tools, and digital problem-solving skills. Participants will explore practical ways teachers can introduce AI concepts into instruction to support lifelong learning, career readiness, and workforce advancement. Attendees will leave with ideas, resources, and strategies to help learners become more adaptable, informed, and prepared for the evolving demands of today's workforce.

iaace **TEACHERS TALK** The After-Class Conversation

What adult ed teachers are actually talking about.

Released monthly on the last Friday of the month
www.iaace.com/teachers-talk/



Teachers Talk Page



Advocacy Update

YOUR ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

[//iaace.com/advocacy/](http://iaace.com/advocacy/)

1. Advocacy April Bingo Winner is Adrienne Carrol
2. COABE Flood the Hill Registration Deadline is July 24
3. June Advocacy Committee is Tuesday, June 9 at 11 am ET

Your Monthly Heads-Up

Top 5 Things Coming Up

1. [5/27 IAACE Award Nominations Open](#)
2. [Call for Proposals Deadline is June 5](#)
3. [Professional Development Session is June 18](#)
4. [Submit Your Graduation Spotlights](#)
5. [Deadline for Membership Survey is June 30](#)

SPARK AID FUND



UP TO
\$200.

A quick spark of support for adult literacy.
Need books or literacy-related supplies?
The Spark Fund provides ****immediate
assistance**** for supplies for your adult learners.

APPLY
at

[//indianaliteracy.org/spark-aid-fund/](https://indianaliteracy.org/spark-aid-fund/)

Submit a request at: indianaliteracy.org/spark-aid-fund/



COABE

The Voice Of Adult Education



PUBLIC POLICY PULSE



[Submit your proposal here](#)

The deadline to submit your applications is **July 31, 2026**. Make sure to prepare and submit everything on time to avoid missing out!

Be a Part of the ADULT EDUCATION MOVEMENT!



**SIGN TO UPHOLD ACCESS TO
ADULT EDUCATION TODAY!**

Click the graphic above to Sign the Pledge!



Happy Birthday to May Birthdays!

If your birthday is missing, [sign in to your profile](#) and add your birthday month and date. Your membership may also have expired.

Pasha	Ferris	?
Kasey	Wyeth	8

Magaly	Garcia	9
Emily	Barlow	10
Carmen	Howell	11
Cheryl	Morris	12
Cathie	Abston	12
Abigail	Larrison	13
Maria	Lopez	13
Cayla	Kedik	15
Laura	Smart	15
Matt	Crites	20
Natalie	Reuter	27
Eulalia	Gomez-Lebario	28
James	Pavelka	29
Judy	Fedorchak	29
Lucas	Esch	29
Christy	Wrightsmen	30
Alex	Swetnam	30

Share and Learn: Member Resources

AE Acronyms Dictionary



The Power of the Pause!

Sometimes a pause isn't about stopping — it's about noticing.

As I was driving down the interstate Friday morning on the way to our Annual Meeting, I caught myself slowing down just long enough to admire the sunrise. In that quiet moment, I thought, "What a beautiful day."

Maybe pauses aren't interruptions after all. Maybe they're little reminders to appreciate the journey while we're racing toward the destination.

Calendar Link

Finding what you need on the IAACE Website is easy, check out the <https://iaace.com/help/> page for searching tips and help on the virtual.iaace.com platform.

The platform, virtual.iaace.com is available for all IAACE members and is a viable option for your professional development needs. Find details on Professional Development Options at <https://iaace.com/professional-development/>



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