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Happy Summer to all!!

The last time I wrote a newsletter article, it was a warm spring night, knowing a cold night was just around the corner. Now in the middle of summer and after a 90-degree day, I am hoping for a cold night or at least some more rain – we are still way behind in McHenry County.

Since the last time we talked, COVID numbers have improved, so that many of us are looking forward to traveling and other activities like our National Conference in September. Please consider joining us in Branson, MO. Even though COVID numbers are inching up again, my hope is that we all stay safe, get to continue some sense of normalcy, and can see each other very soon.

We do have a couple of business items to address

FIRST - On behalf of the National Board, Carolyn Hanson (a member of our Association) reached out to our Board. No state has offered to host the 2022 National Conference, so the National Board has considered hosting it – in Bloomington/Normal, IL with Carolyn as the chairperson. She asked if Illinois would consider one of the following

- a) hosting it ourselves
- b) hosting it together with the National Board (which means we would share in conference proceeds)
- c) having the National Board host with hopefully some help from Illinois

The Illinois Board recommendation was option (b) hosting it together with the National Board (looking at next July), but we need the Association to vote on that -

outside of a meeting setting. As mentioned, Carolyn would be the Chairperson, and some Illinois Board members have already offered help – please **let us know, if you are:**

- 1) willing to help with any of the below and**
- 2) if you agree with the Board recommendation**

TO VOTE: You can email jonnaburck@yahoo.com or call or text Jonna at 847-809-6950
You can also contact Carolyn with any specific questions you have at carolynsh7480@gmail.com or 309-261-1705

Are you willing to help with any of the following Leadership or Conference sub-Committee activities?

- 1. Co-Chair or help the Chairperson with activities including the development of the program and execution of the event like tours, entertainment, food, and other local specialties
- 2. Finance – Areas of work include effort to develop a budget and oversee expenses, contracts and everything related to finances, including the auction
- 3. Registration – Prepare name tags, assist with the registration documentation, rosters, and arrange for the manning of the registration table, as well as items for goodie bags
- 4. Program – Develop theme, workshops, and programs for meals, and other topics related to the program, including equipment
- 5. Tours – Develop list of tours, promotional materials, arrange busing and transportation and pricing
- 6. Hospitality - Work with Registration, provide hospitality during check-in and in the Hospitality Suite. Provide pick up from airport/train station
- 7. Auction - Recruit auction items. Prepare sign up forms for silent auction items. Set up the auction items for the participants’ review.

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SECOND – As long as our state doesn’t lock down again, we will be having a Fall Meeting / Weekend. Helen Obernagel had offered to host last year and is still willing to do so in and around her home in Southern IL. The fall weekend will start Friday, October 8th, with the fall meeting taking place on Saturday, the 9th. An online option for the meeting will also be available. Please put it on your calendar – more details to come.

See you all soon – I sure hope!!

Jonna Burck
IL IFYE Association President