

NDIA Iowa-Illinois Chapter

Chapter Established in 1936

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

NDIA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:00 CST on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 by Natalie Linville-Mass

Attendees

Board Position	Name	Present
President	Natalie Linville-Mass	x
Executive Vice President	Brittney Benson	
Treasurer	Todd Prouty	
Secretary	Ernie Cychosz	
Programs	Dhiraj Raghvani	x
Symposium	Logan Brincks	x
Scholarships	Ryan L Bunge	
Awards	Brittney Benson	x
Membership	Flint Znamenacek	
Nominations	George Rivard	x
Donations	Mike Lux	
National Policy Group	Brittany Benson	x
STEM Chair	Mike Lux	
Director	Timothy Bower	
Director	Joy Fleming	
Director	Celia M. Hadden	

- 1. Welcome!!**
- 2. Prior Meeting Minutes (Ernie):**
 - a. January meeting minutes approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report (Todd): Todd not in meeting.**
 - a. 2025 Budget
 - b. Quarterly Report
 - c. In-Kind Donations Protocol
 - d. Treasurer's Report approved.
 - e. Progress on transition to National?
- 4. Symposium (Logan)**
 - a. Tuesday, June 3rd & June 4th at Vibrant Arena see <https://ndia-ia-il.org/symposium/> for details
 - b. Registration is open.
 - c. Confirmed speaker: Colonel Anderson

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- d. May need to consider a virtual option for speakers who can not/do not feel comfortable traveling
- e. A few sponsors have been confirmed including Amentum as a gold sponsor.
- f. A rough agenda is being created.
- g. Next Committee Meeting is Thursday, March 20th.
- h. Assistance needed sourcing industry partners.

5. Program Committee (Dhiraj):

- a. Next Upcoming Event:

Here is what we are looking for a 1 hr. virtual discussion. Captain and XO cannot travel.

- History and design journey of the ship
- The type and capabilities (like you had mention the gender consideration for the Navy crew in the design)
- What are the next steps towards commissioning
- What sponsorship opportunities are available to make the ship home for the crew.
 - USS Iowa Commission Committee members can help cover this.
- Any significant contributions that the state of Iowa specifically has made towards the construction of the USS IOWA
 - USS Iowa Commission Committee members can help cover this.

Perhaps we can ask at the board meeting if Crystal Group or Collins or anyone else wishes to be a sponsor.

- b. Proposed Sponsorship Pricing for Board Review: Approved.

IA-IL NDIA Virtual or In-Person Events Sponsor

\$250 each

- Announcement and recognition as introduction.
- Meeting Lobby Showings Opportunities – 15 Minutes before the event
- Logo signage and Sponsor Spotlight on Event flyers.
- Logo on NDIA Website related to Event
- Virtual Event participant contact information

- c. Winter Webinar: Waiting a time commitment from the USS Iowa for a date the middle to end of April.

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- d. Summer Lunch & Learn: seeking speakers
- e. Fall Industry Tour? Crystal Group – need to pick a date
- f. Need Committee Members
- g. Celebrating Long-term Board Members

6. Scholarship Committee (Ryan): Ryan not in meeting.

- a. Scholarship Application is on the website.
- b. Winners will be awarded their scholarship at our Symposium event the evening of Tuesday, May 20th. Symposium committees will confirm location shortly.
- c. Who is on the committee to evaluate the incoming scholarships?

7. STEM/Donations Committee (Mike): Mike not in meeting.

- a. STEM Donations
- b. Quad Cities Community Veterans Engagement Board Check Presentation this Thursday,
- c. Have we received any requests? What donations could we pursue? NDIA National gave examples in Model Chapter Application of the following organizations like STEM, local ROTC military programs, Wounded Warriors, USO, Fisher House, etc.
- d. Brittney to reach out to Durant School District/ people from previous contacts list.

8. AWARDS Program Committee (Brittney):

- a. Model Chapter/Chapter of excellence (<https://www.ndia.org/chapters/about-ndia-chapters/model-chapter-chapter-of-excellence>)
- b. Lifetime Achievement Award nominations

9. POLICY Committee/Liaison for NDIA Division (Brittney)

10. Promotion (Natalie):

- a. Website: We update many areas of the website and continue to make content changes where needed.
- b. Facebook/LinkedIn: We run a minimum of two posts per month on each platform, add events when there is a scheduled event coming up and we are slowly inviting all members of our chapters to like both pages.
- c. Eblast: 1st Quarter went out and focused on Symposium now.
- d. OPM (online presence management) is now being implemented once a quarter to support SEO (search engine optimization).

11. Membership (Flint): Flint not in meeting.

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- a. Update on members: currently at 650 members; gaining 10-15 per month
- b. New Member Letter to 2025 Members has been put together.

12. Nominating Committee (George):

- a. We do need Board Members. We have lost 6 Board Members in the last year and more will drop off the end of this term. Will need help for a committee to help nominate members.
- b. Please note at least one month prior to elections, Helen and Callie need to be notified of upcoming elections. We will also need to notify Helen and Callie as soon as new board members are voted into the group.

13. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS/INFO:

- a. Next meeting: Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th at 5pm
(Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each odd month)

Meeting concluded at 6:04 CST.