

Northern Illinois University Counseling Association (NIUCA)

Illinois Counseling Association Report

Meeting Date: Friday, 2022, October 21st, 6:30 PM

Membership Updates

- Current membership: 25 documented members
- Member recruitment update
- Utilizing a university's-based website to recruit more students. Huskie Hup is a website managed by student involvement team at the university where all students can read about NIUCA and its events and programs and register as members as well if so desired. Posted flyers around campus about depression screening awareness month and mental health awareness month, where we advertised NIUCA as an organization on campus that focuses on mental health related interests.
- ❖ Upcoming Events and/or Initiatives:
 - ICA Awards ceremony decorating volunteering
 - No dates scheduled at current time for future events
- ❖ Strategic Planning Update
 - Had a social gathering with some graduate students and listened from them about what events they want to see more from NIUCA. There were some opinions as follows: research-focused events, social gatherings, orientations, and mentoring program within the counseling department at NIU. All these suggestions have been considered, and we will be moving to planning phase by the Spring semester.
- ❖ Current Leadership
 - President: Abdelrahman Osman
 - Vice-President: Matthew Marruffo
 - President-Elect: None yet.
 - Secretary: Priyanka Jha
 - Treasurer: Priyanka Jha
 - Faculty advisor: Kimberley A. Hart
- ❖ Publications/website/social media Updates
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/niuca/>
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