



Illinois Counseling Association

A Branch of the American Counseling Association

Governing Council Meeting
Friday, April 24, 2026 – 9:00 AM
(1h 48 minutes) Online - ZOOM

I. Call to Order

- Review of Voting – Kristin Carlson, Association Director
- Review of Robert’s Rules – Kesha Burch, Parliamentarian
- Roll Call – Kimberly Thomas, Secretary

NAME	Representing	Voting Member	Present?
Nicole Thompson	ICA President	X	X
Jessica Dyrek	ICA President Elect	X	X
Mandy Kellums Baraka	ICA President Elect-Elect	X	X
Kristina Hill	ICA Past President	X	X
Samantha Rivera	ACACI President	X	
Gloria Wunuken	ACACI President Elect	X	X
Reylla Santos	IAAA President	X	X
Marie Bracki	IAADA President	X	X
Shemiah Derrick	IACFC President	X	
Brittany Salvador	ISAIGE President	X	
Patrice Henderson	IAMC President	X	
Katie Grant	IAGSW President	X	X
Autumn DeKoster	IASGW GC Rep	X	
MaLinda Lee	ICCA President	X	X
Carol Trejo Kroeger	ICCA GC Rep	X	X
Tracy Bareither	ICDA President	X	X
Brian Pillsbury	ICDA GC Rep	X	
Sharazazi Dyson	ICES President	X	X
Kimberly Hart	ICES GC Rep	X	
Shirlyn Garrett-Wilson	ICSJ President	X	
Tatiana Duchak	ICSJ GC Rep	X	
Crystal “Doc” Murdock	IMHCA President	X	X
Steve Murrar	IMHCA GC Rep	X	X
Cherie Barnes	IMCHA GC Rep	X	
Carolyn Khan	IMHCA GC Rep	X	
Regina Rogers	IMHCA GC Rep	X	
Ramon Diaz Jr.	IMHCA GC Rep.	X	

Anne Adrian	IMHCA GC Rep	X	X
Tara Bryan-Edwards	IMHCA GC Rep	X	X
Yemelei Schroeder	IMHCA GC Rep	X	X
Chelsea Miller	IMCHA Director		X
Charles Nolan Thomas	ISERVIC GC Rep	X	
MaryAnn Andrade-Bekker	Region I Rep	X	X
Tina Rockwell	Region II Rep	X	
Melissa Franzen	Region III Rep	X	X
Carmel Brown	Region V Rep	X	X
Patrice Henderson	Region VII Rep		
Jalaine Hart	BCA	X	
Amy Zero	Blackhawk Chapter	X	
Carmel Brown	Lewis & Clark Chapter		
Jade Klinger	NIUCA	X	X
Jocelyn Russell	NLUCA	X	
Ashley Roberts	North Park University	X	
Siobhan McCullough	NW Suburban Chapter	X	
Kris Sandra Wheatley	Past President Chapter	X	X
Deb Majewski	Trinity	X	
Mandy Kellums Baraka	Wheaton		
Kristin Carlson	Association Director		X
Breon Rose	Diversity TaskForce		X
Sage Darling	ISAIGE Rep	X	X
Noe Coye	IMHCA GC Rep	X	X
Kesha Burch	Parliamentarian		X
Kimberly Thomas	Secretary		X

II. Consent Agenda

The following items are routine, noncontroversial actions requiring a board vote that are expected to generate no discussion. Any member may request to move an item to the regular agenda if there is concern or doubt.

- Approve or revision of the minutes of March 13, 2026, Governing Council Meeting- **Motion passed consensus.**
- Review and Adoption of April 24, 2026, Governing Council Agenda- with additional amendments- **Motion passed consensus.**
- Supporting Documentation Required for the Meeting
 - [Google Drive link](#)
- Governing Council Standing Rules and Procedures
- Governing Council requested a review to ensure alignment with the most current bylaws. The review was conducted as directed, and the decision was finalized by Governing Council vote on March 13, 2026, and the letter was sent as authorized.
- New Division
 - The Illinois Association of Counseling Sexology & Sexual Wellness Group (IACSSW)
- New Chapter
 - The Illinois Association of Veterans and Active Line Operations for Response (IAVALOR)

III. Reports & Information (No Action Required)

Informational items are shared separately and do not require formal approval.

- a. Membership Report- **Kristin- Current- 2,342. IMCHA-1545**
- b. Director's Report- **Kristin**
- c. Finance Report- **Kristin**
- d. Division, Chapter, Regions, and Committee Reports- **Kris W. and Katie G., also see reports on google drive**
- e. American Counseling Association Midwest Region (ACA MDW) Updates- **Dr. Thompson-announced that Sarah Mossa has been elected ACA Midwest Regional Chair for the upcoming year.**

IV. Business Items

A. Old Business (Updates Only – No Action Required)

- a. Strategic Planning Progress Update- **Dr. Thompson reported that she sent roles and job descriptions to the strategic planning committee and received some feedback.**
- b. Governance Review: **Update on reviewing leadership roles, protocols, and utilizing ACA/Board Source resources for training.**

B. New Business

- a. Vote to Approve New Division Petitions
 - i. The Illinois Association of Counseling Sexology & Sexual Wellness Group (IACSSW)- **Motion passed consensus.**
 - ii. The Illinois Association of Veterans and Active Line Operations for Response (IAVALOR)- **Motion passed consensus.**
- b. Clinical Mental Counseling Student Stipend- Dr. Thompson- **recommend start within a committee**
 - i. Discussion of a potential initiative
 - ii. Council vote on whether to authorize exploration and coordination with CICO representatives and other relevant bodies.
 - iii. If approved implementation process and other details will be presented at June meeting
- c. Office Relocation Proposal – Kristin Carlson, Association Director-**Reviewed the proposal. Motion to open a discussion about the potential move to the Northwest suburbs for ICA. Motion passed. Plan to move the office out of DeKalb. In-depth discussion regarding relocation, stakeholder impact, membership impact, and IMCHA relationship. GC members provided relationship on previous experience to Regis (potential new rental company.)**

Note: Many motions were proposed and rescinded No decision was made. Consensus is that more discussion needs to be facilitated. Kristin removed discussion from the table.

- d. Counseling Compact Idea – Dr. Tara Bryant Edwards- **not discussed**

V. Announcements & Upcoming Dates:

- a. **Governing Council & Transition (DeKalb, IL): June 27, 2026, 9:00AM-4:00PM**
 - i. NIU DeKalb - Barsema Alumni and Visitors
Center 231 N Annie Glidden Road
DeKalb, Illinois 60115
- b. **Governing Council (Oak Brook, IL): November 5, 2026, 4:45PM-6:30PM**
 - i. Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference
Center 3500 Midwest Road
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

Additional Agenda items:

- 1. Request for list of committee chairs and members are created and accessible
- 2. Request that all members of CG receive hard copies and emails for bylaws
- 3. Awareness for CG for concerns for 6 hour CE allotment for people that have never attended a meeting nor submitted a report.

VI. Adjournment 10:48AM