**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

Meeting Start Time: 8:08 PM

1. ROLE CALL
   1. Board of Directors:
      1. Teresa Fabre, President Present
      2. Sara Luna, Vice-President Present
      3. Rachel Newland, Secretary / Treasurer Present
   2. Board Members:
      1. Natalio Abar Present
      2. Glenn Moore Present
      3. Amari Richardson Absent
      4. Deeborah Kent Stein Present
   3. Participants:
      1. Marilun Greene, President, National Federation of the Blind of Illinois
      2. Ellen, Immediate Past President of IABS
      3. Aboo AlFaki , IABS Member
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   1. August and September 2022 minutes approved by Teresa, seconded by Glenn
   2. Glenn moves to table approval of October 2022 minutes, seconded by Natalio
3. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT
   1. Happy to step into the role of president and work with new board and members to continue connecting students across state and national levels
   2. Fundraising and Outreach committee’s are being established prior to January 2023. If you are interested, reach out to Teresa Favre: [tere.fabre91@gmail.com](mailto:tere.fabre91@gmail.com)
4. STATE AFFILIATE REPORT
   1. Marilyn welcomes the new IABS board and thanks previous board for their active involvement in 2022 state convention organizing, fundraising, discussion panels, and breakout activities
   2. Next state affiliate meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, at 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss current business related to BELL Academy, accessible vote by mail, etc. All are welcome.
5. TREASURER’S REPORT
   1. Current Balance: $3,846.21
   2. Plus or minus $1,00 buffer for miscalculations. Glenn will review line items and advise on any changes to this amount.
6. NEW BUSINESS
   1. 2023 Washington Seminar to be held in person. Teresa motions to allocate $750 towards hotel and travel expenses. Seconded by Natalio. Motion passes.
   2. Sara explains that Midwest Seminar for students will be held in-person March 25 & 26, 2023, at the Holiday Inn Chicago, O’Hare. Event chaired by Sara, Logan, and Josh. In initial planning phase. For more info. contact Sara Luna at: [sol.sky.luna@gmail.com](mailto:sol.sky.luna@gmail.com)
   3. Debbie explains that applications for 2023 national scholarships (awarded to 30 students enrolled full-time in accredited institutions of post-secondary education at $8,000 each) will begin December 1, 2022 and extend through March 31, 2023. Application requirements as follows:
      1. Online application
      2. Personal essay
      3. Letter of recommendation
      4. Letter from state president
      5. Letter from eye care professional to establish legal blindness
   4. Debbie mentions that state scholarships for four students at $5,000 each will be available but scheduling deadlines for application materials is still under deliberation

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 PM )motioned by Debbie, seconded by Sara)

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 AT 8:00 PM