

ILLINOIS AER Mail

Winter 2009



President Message

IAER is going GREEN! Over the past years we have tried to be more conscientious of our environment and use less paper. One example is sending our Newsletter via email. You also should be receiving blast emails through AER whenever we have important news we want you to know about. At our last board meeting, the board discussed other ways we can continue to grow greener.

Our IAER Member Directory will soon be available on-line. In the next few weeks you will be receiving a blast email asking you for the preferred contact information you would like listed in our directory. A data base will be developed by the National AER Office and will be located on our IAER website under a “members only” section. A password will be required to access this information. You will receive the password through another blast email. We are very excited about the opportunity to have our directory accessible on-line. Besides saving on reproduction of the directory, it will also allow Lisa Tabaka, our membership chair, to keep the directory updated throughout the year. Another place we are going green is at our IAER Annual Conference. One BIG change is we will not be printing handouts this year. Instead, all presenters’ handouts will be available on-line. Prior to the conference you may go to our IAER website at il.aerbvi.org to download the handouts for the sessions you plan on attending. If you prefer to access the handout electronically, we will have wireless access in all the breakout rooms. Please bring your own laptop and make sure your battery is fully charged. Please note that access will not be available in the Ballroom for our keynote speakers. Therefore, it will be important for you to download any handouts for the keynote presentations.

Please visit our website il.aerbvi.org for other conference information, and applications for scholarships, mini-grants, stipends, Space Camp and much more. We are very excited about our new endeavors. We would love to hear any feedback you may have on how we can continue to improve.

See you all February 18-19 2010 for DAER to SHAER: Helping One Another and Our Profession Grow Conference.

Sincerely,

Diane Finn - President

2008 – 2010 IAER Board

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Board Briefs

*Susan M. Dalton, Secretary
November, 2009*



The Board hasn't been bored! Here's what we've been up to...

AER: George Abbott has been working as program chair for the AER Regional Conference to be held in Cleveland on November 13-15. AER Lift – leadership training conference, will take place in April, 2010 in Little Rock, AR.

Committee Info:

Awards: Nominations are being solicited for the 2010 Distinguished Service, Excellence in Education and Excellence in Rehabilitation Awards.

Space Camp: Three students attended the program in September, 2009 and funding has been secured to send two students in 2010.

Membership: Personal letters sent to lapsed members have resulted in several renewals. Working on finalizing the IAER Membership Directory.

Recruitment: Chris Clark-Bischke has conducted a series of conference calls to seek input on ideas to recruit individuals to the vision profession. Planning to participate in local career fairs, provide information to community college programs and high school counselors.

Conference: Plans are running smoothly for the February 18-19, 2010 conference. The program is in place and final details are being firmed up. Preliminary registration materials have been distributed with a second mailing to be sent in December.

Board Nominations: 2010 is an election year, so we are very actively seeking members who are interested in sharing their talents as a part of the IAER Board. We're looking to have a diverse representation to include individuals from all areas of the state, in a variety of professions in the vision field. Be sure to contact Diane Finn if you're thinking of throwing your hat into the ring!

Upcoming meeting dates:

December 7, 2009 – 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – conference call

January 7, 2010 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – video conference (ICRE-Wood/ISU)



Board Nominations

During the first week in December, through January 15, 2010 nominations for 2010-2012 IAER Board members will be accepted. You must be an IAER member to be nominated. Duties of a board member include attending meetings, chairing a committee, participation at the annual conference and being an active participant with on-going communication. Typically the IAER Board meets five times per year. Two of those meeting are face to face meetings, while the other three meetings are conducted via video conference (typically in Chicago and central Illinois.) It is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, broaden your networking circle and share your expertise.

Positions available are: President Elect (experience of serving on the IAER Board preferred), Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at Large (6 openings). IAER is committed to a diverse board that represents all vision professions, to the greatest extent possible. We welcome people new to the field, and from all areas (education, rehabilitation, O&M, etc.) Nominate yourself or a colleague for the chance to win a \$50 gift card! Your name will be entered into the drawing each time a person you nominate (including you) accepts the nomination (so please confirm with your nominee before submitting the form).

To make a nomination, please send the following form to Diane Finn, 3305 Meadow Trail West, DeKalb, IL 60115 or email to dfinn@tbc.net. If you have questions, please e-mail or call Diane at 815-751-7263. Thank you for participating!

Nomination for 2010-2012 IAER Board

Position:

Nominee’s Name:

Nominee’s Address, City. State, Zip:

Nominee’s Phone:

Nominee’s Email:

Nominee is a member of AER? (yes no)

Your name and email/phone

I have asked the person named above for their permission to be nominated and they have agreed
___ yes ___ no

Nominations are open from December 1, 2009 to January 15, 2010



Dr. Roman-Lantzy Visits Illinois

87 Vision professionals and parents gathered in Bloomington, Illinois on June 31st and July 1st to hear from Dr. Christine Roman-Lantzy. Information on Cortical Visual Impairment remains hard to obtain. With this in mind, several entities rallied together to bring high level training on this highly specific topic to Illinois. IAER was proud to be a part of this endeavor along with Hearing and Vision Connections, the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, Illinois State University, StarNET, and the American Foundation for the Blind.

Dr. Roman-Lantzy led a full two-day seminar focused on Cortical Visual Impairments. She explained the causes of CVI including specifically how the brain could be impacted which would then result in vision loss. She also spent time teaching attendees how to use the CVI evaluation tool that she developed. The tool was published in January 2007 as part of Dr. Roman's book, Cortical Visual Impairment: An Approach to Assessment and Intervention. This ten point system is the leading assessment tool used by professionals.

Dr. Roman-Lantzy proved to be a knowledgeable and passionate speaker. At the same time, she was entertaining and engaging. Her presentation was full of real-life examples and proven research. IAER is committed to keeping professionals throughout Illinois updated on information that will help them provide the best services possible to their client and students. We were fortunate to get the opportunity to help bring Dr. Roman to Illinois. What a great couple of days!

Happenings @ ISVI

By Reggie Clinton – ISVI Supt.

In August students arrived back on the campus of ISVI to register for a new school year. Students began their first day on campus by catching up with their friends on their summer activities. Then to kick off the year the students enjoyed a trip to the mall in Springfield and out to eat before starting classes. Currently we have 55 students enrolled in our education program with 4 students on campus for evaluations. We also serve 52 students in our Birth to three program.

We have some teacher changes for the start of the new school year. Ms. Joni Frisch has moved from an elementary classroom to a position working with area birth to three year olds. This position became open due to the retirement of Ms. Joyce Schmidt. Ms. Pat Wright has moved from a reading teacher position to fill the spot left vacant when Ms. Frisch moved to her new position. We also have Mrs. Linda Strader returning to the junior high classroom from her school liaison and guidance position to temporarily fill a vacancy created when Kelli Swanson left our staff to take a position at ISD.

We also began the new school year with two substitute teachers as we continue the process of trying to fill two teaching positions that were vacant during the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Ron Whitacre will

fill a math position and Ms. Jana Zulauf will fill a history position. Both of these people were long time teachers at ISVI before retiring a few years ago.

ISVI did receive some good news this past summer. The Governor signed the \$31 billion construction bill which contained several projects for ISVI including:

\$2.1 million to renovate the auditorium and classrooms in the administrative building.

\$1.26 million to renovate classrooms in building 17 (the Library building).

\$2.09 million to renovate the powerhouse.

\$392,832 to replace roofing systems.

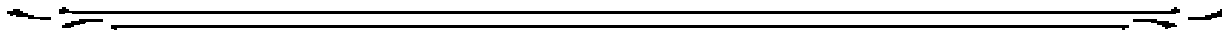
\$557,269 for the renovation of the power plant and associated equipment.

This past summer ISVI also received some shocking news when it was announced that the school would be closed as part of the budget cuts due to the state financial situation. Fortunately many people from across the state voiced their concerns and in the end our doors remain open. We feel we are an important piece of the continuum of services for students in Illinois who have vision needs and closing our school would have been a disservice to many students from across the state. Thank you to everyone who made contacts on our behalf!

On Saturday, October 3, 2009, ISVI hosted a Braille Car Rally here on our campus. It was an opportunity for our students to interact with community members in a fun way. Sixteen (16) community members volunteered to drive in the car rally. Each driver was paired with a student from ISVI who acted as the navigator for the rally. Some cars also had a student rider who wanted to enjoy the event. The student navigators were given materials in their reading medium to provide directions to their driver. The course consisted of 40 miles of in town and country road driving. The starting and finish lines were on ISVI's campus and there were two check points on the course. The day started out with a driver sign-in and a lunch for the students to meet and greet their drivers. Upon completion of the rally an awards ceremony was held followed by a cook-out. It was a fun day for everyone involved!

On Friday, October 9, 2009, ISVI will be hosting on our campus the annual Regional Office of Education Teachers' Institute Day. ISVI staff will be joined by teachers and administrators from eight (8) neighboring school districts for a day of in-service activities. We are excited to be hosting this event as most who will be attending have never been to our campus. This is a great way for us to share our school with many other professionals from the surrounding area. Every new person we can inform about our school is another person who may help us identify students who need our services. We look forward to hosting this activity and sharing our school with those attending the in-service.

As is the same for everyone in education in the State of Illinois, the school year seemed to be off and running before we knew it! It is always exciting to have students back in our classrooms. I hope everyone reading this article is having a great year and I wish you continued success in your programs throughout the year!



ISU News

Illinois State University seniors recently participated in the 7th Annual Senior Seminar Week in the Chicago area. This week was created to introduce the students to many of the services available to individuals with visual impairments with presenters traveling to campus. The students travel to the Chicago area for an entire week with presentations and tours being conducted at the Illinois College of Optometry/Eye Institute, Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, the Hadley School for the Blind, TransVision, the Chicago Lighthouse, the Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education-Wood, the Illinois Instructional Materials Center, and the Philip J. Rock Center & School/Project REACH.

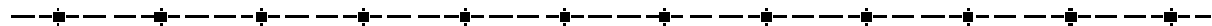
Students in the Low Vision and Blindness program recently created a student organization focusing on the field of visual impairments. The Braille Birds hope to create awareness of visual impairments while providing opportunities for service and activities across campus.

ISU is currently seeking a clinical faculty member in the area of low vision and blindness for supervision of pre-student teachers in the central Illinois area. Certification as a TVI and extensive teaching experience required, strong preference to applicants with master's degrees and those with experience in mentoring pre-service teachers. For more information, please contact Chris Bischke.

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Low Vision and Blindness Program
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Look what I did at Space Camp!

Dear IAER,

Thanks for the scholarship for space camp. I had a great time at space camp. It was awesome! I hope to go next year. You guys are awesome. I had fun on all the simulators, especially the mat, 1/6 chair, anti-grav chair and space shot. My friends are anxious to hear all about it. I also made new friends. Their names are Dylan from Rome, GA., Andrew from NJ, and Matthew from GA.

SINCERELY,

Lonnie Murray-Urbana, IL.

P.S. YOU ARE THE BEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

October 29, 2009

Dear IAER and the National Teachers of the Year:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to receive a scholarship to Space Camp. I really enjoyed camp and greatly appreciate the chance to go this year.

This year, I attended Aviation Challenge. I learned many things while I was there, such as water survival, how to fly flight simulators, how to patrol boundaries, custom military drills, and teamwork. My favorite activity was called Escape and Evasion (during this we army crawled through the woods 300 yards at night to without getting caught). I was one of a few that made the entire distance. I also made very many great friends and almost all of us have kept in contact. I am very grateful that I got to experience Aviation Challenge.

I learned many things but I think teamwork is most beneficial skill that I brought home. If our team was not doing what they needed to do then our mission would have been ruined. No matter what, each person must do their job and work as a team or else it would not be possible to achieve our mission goals. Thank you so much for sending me. I will always be grateful and never forget my great adventure.

Sincerely,

Ashley Alexander

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Greetings,

I would like to say thank you to all the people that sent me to space camp. I was able to meet a lot of people and learn a lot of cool stuff. I learned about airplanes and how they fly. My favorite part was flying airplanes in the simulator. I had such a blast and I can't wait to go back next year!

Thank you
Joshua Nichol

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October 6, 2009

IAER Members and National Teachers of the Year,

During the week of SCIVIS, students not only reach for the stars, they gain greater independence, confidence, social skills and friendships that will last beyond our days on earth.

This was the second time that I attended SCIVIS in Huntsville, Alabama; and I was just as impressed this year as I was last. The personal growth achieved by the students make in a week's time is amazing. For many of these kids, this is the first time they have been away from home. The SCIVIS experience challenges them to step up and be as independent as possible. Even though they're faced with situations that they would never try at home or school, the atmosphere at camp gives them the confidence to step outside of their comfort zone. Since all the students are visually impaired, everyone is on the same playing field; and everyone is a member of the team (something some of these kids would never be a part of at home).

The amount of knowledge that they learn about math and science in a hands-on environment is beyond anything possible in the typical classroom. The staffs both of SCIVIS and Space Camp have adapted many of the simulators and materials so that no one is left out. Accessibility to all is their goal, and they continue to achieve this monumental task through years of tireless dedication.

As a teacher of two scholarship recipients, I would like to thank IAER and the National Teachers of the Year Association for making these scholarships available. These scholarships gave my students

the opportunities of a lifetime, and for that I am grateful. Living with my students for a week taught me more about them than I would have ever known... it was a great learning experience for us all.

Best Regards,
Allyssa Harpst

USD#116
Teacher for the Visually Impaired

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Back From Space

I just landed from my third mission to space camp. CASE (Central Affiliation for Special Education) had a crew that included two chaperones and 4 students. Three of the students were awarded scholarships. One of the scholarships came from IAER and the other two came from Ruth Meissen (2009 Illinois Teacher of the Year) and NSTOY (National State Teachers of the Year). The IAER board appreciates the newly formed partnership with Ruth Meissen as we are all unified in continued efforts to financially support Space Camp scholarships. Ruth Meissen, a middle school art teacher, recently orchestrated a fundraiser by recruiting help from her art students. Ruth has the ability to identify a worthy cause, develop an action plan, unify many to the cause and then to execute valiantly.

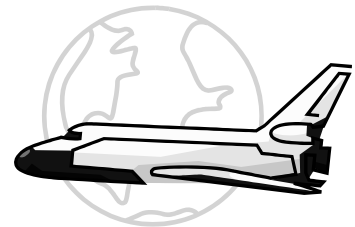
On behalf of the IAER board, we want to thank Ruth Meissen for her outstanding service. We express our gratitude to all the art students who so willingly gave of their time, energies and talents. Ruth's orchestration of this event builds character, leadership and service-oriented youth.

The Harlem Middle School Art Club successfully raised enough money to offer a full 2010 SCIVIS (Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students) scholarship. We are THRILLED to accept this sincere act of kindness. This generous donation coupled with IAER's continued commitment will provide two more scholarships to the 2010 SCIVIS experience.

Sincerely,

Pam Duda

CASE Vision Coordinator & IAER Treasurer



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Seminars@Hadley Offered for Continuing Education Credit

The Hadley School for the Blind is pleased to be able to offer select Seminars@Hadley for continuing education credit. Fast, convenient and relevant, these popular webinars cover a range of topics from using GPS for travel to finding employment to crockpot cooking. More than 900 people participated in 20 different seminars during Hadley's last fiscal year. Thousands more have streamed or downloaded them, demonstrating how popular these online seminars have become. To earn CEUs, participants must complete an online survey and pay a small fee. Listening only to live or archived seminars remains free of charge. For more information, visit the Hadley Website at www.hadley.edu and click on Seminars@Hadley.

Consider advertising in the IAER Newsletter:

¼ page - \$20

½ page - \$30

Full page - \$50

Contact Deborah Faynik, for more information at dsfaynik@comcast.net

***Know someone who deserves a
great big pat on the back?***



It's that time of year when we ask the IAER membership to reflect on those among us who have gone beyond the call of duty to make a significant impact on the lives of persons with whom they interact in their profession.

IAER will present awards in the following categories: **Distinguished Service, Excellence in Rehabilitation, and Excellence in Education.** Please review the criteria for each and thoughtfully consider nominating a deserving colleague. IAER is very fortunate to have individuals who demonstrate exceptional talent, dedication, leadership and service in the work that they do on a daily basis. Help us acknowledge these individuals for their special efforts.

ILLINOIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Selection Criteria and Procedure:

The Illinois Distinguished Service Award has been designed to give recognition to an individual who has positively affected the lives of persons with visual impairments in Illinois. Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award should:

- Be a current member of the Illinois Chapter of AER and have been a member for at least the two years prior to the nomination.
- Have been involved in the field of blindness at least ten years.
- Have significantly affected the lives of persons with visual impairments either by direct service, supervision, leadership or volunteer service.
- Be nominated by a current member of IAER.

Consideration will be given, but not limited to the number or years of service, impact on the profession, impact on legislation, number of people who have benefited from service and letters of nomination. Each nominee should have one letter of nomination and at least one letter of support.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Selection Criteria and Procedure:

The Illinois Excellence in Education Award has been designed to acknowledge the work and dedication of an **educator** who has positively impacted the lives of persons with visual impairments as well as the profession in Illinois. Nominees for the award should:

- Be a current member of the Illinois Chapter of AER, having been a member of AER for at least two consecutive years.
- Have worked in the field of blindness with the birth-21 age population for at least five years.
- Have actively served as an officer, board member, committee member or chair, within a related professional organization (i.e., AER, IAER, IAOMS, CEC, TASH, Low Vision, Lions, IVLC, IPVI and NAPVI).
- Have significantly impacted the lives of persons with visual impairments through one or more of the following: direct service, supervision, leadership or volunteer service.

EXCELLENCE IN REHABILITATION AWARD



The Illinois Excellence in Rehabilitation Award has been designed to acknowledge the work and dedication of an **individual who works in the vision rehabilitation field** who has positively impacted the lives of persons with visual impairments as well as the profession in Illinois. Nominees for the award should:

- Be a current member of the Illinois Chapter of AER, having been a member of AER for two consecutive years.
- Have worked in the field of blindness with the 18 year-old and up population for at least five years.
- Have actively served as an officer, board member, committee member or chair, within a related professional organization (i.e., AER, IAER, IAOMS, CEC, TASH, Low Vision, Lions, IVLC, IPVI and NAPVI).
- Have significantly impacted on the lives of persons with visual impairments through one or more of the following: direct service, supervision, leadership, or volunteer service.

Please send Nomination Form and letters of nomination and support by January 4, 2010 to:

Susan Dalton
TransVision
P. O. Box 676
Marengo, IL 60152

susan.dalton@att.net

Fax: 815-923-7547

\$50.00 “Nominated By” Raffle

When you make a nomination for one of the awards, your name will be placed in a drawing for \$50.00. The winner will be announced at the IAER conference, DAER to ShAER: Helping One Another and Our Profession Grow,” February 18 & 19, 2010.

STARNET Northwest Region I and Central Region III

Center for Best Practices in Early Childhood Education
Western Illinois University, Horrabin Hall 32
1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455
(800) 227-7537 / (309) 298-1634 Fax: (309) 298-2305
Family Matters PITC www.fmptic.org
1-866-436-7842 (or) Voice/TTY: 217/347-5119

STARNET Region II

December 2...Glasses Don't Fix Everything/Learning to Live with a Visual Impairment

Presenter: Mindy Ely Focus of workshop: Introductory/Skill Building

Description: There are basically four ways that vision can be compromised. During the morning session we will consider each, and learn implications for learning and interacting in the environment. Participants will be given the opportunity to "experience" vision loss to better understand how a child's learning is impacted. After lunch we will

discuss the difficulties involved in promoting motivation for investigation in a child who does not see their environment. Learning is still possible for a child with a visual impairment and can be fun.

Attendees will learn about the development of young children with a visual impairment with special attention paid to strategies for overcoming

difficulties in the areas of incidental learning, language and literacy and gross and fine motor development. This workshop is being held in collaboration with Hearing and Vision Connections.

Intended Audience: Birth through Early Childhood Educators, Related Service Personnel, Family Members and Administrators

Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Workshop: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Note: Registration is limited to 40 participants Location: The Center, 2626 S. Clearbrook Drive, Arlington Heights

February 18 & 19, 2010 Illinois AER Conference, DAER to SHAER: Helping One Another and Our Profession Grow. Holiday Inn Select, Naperville, IL

The conference for vision professionals who strive to serve their clients and students using the best strategies available today. Topics will include: Highlighting Technology, Vision Therapy, Adapting Math and Science, Serving those with multiple impairments, Orientation and Mobility in today's changing world, Interviewing and Disability Disclosure, Title VII updates, And many more...

Visit <http://il.aerbvi.org> for more detailed conference information.

March 27, 2010 South of Seventy Vision Conference

Free conference for parents of children who are visually impaired in Illinois.

Conference Topics: Disability Roller Coaster, Bullying, Assistive Technology Fair, Parent Interview..

For more information contact Hearing & Vision Connections

Phone: 217-479-4318 Toll Free 877-731-818 Email: mindy.ely@illinois.gov

www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hvc

May 1, 2010 Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration 4th Annual Family Conference "Resources and Inspirations for Adult Family Members and Caregivers of Children with Disabilities"

Villa Maria On Lake Springfield, Springfield IL Mark your calendars and watch for more details to come.

News Release: Illinois AER Scholarships

ELIGIBILITY

The IAER awards yearly scholarships, up to \$750, to student(s) holding junior or senior, graduate student, or post graduate status who is enrolled in class(es) leading to certification areas in the field of education/ rehabilitation for persons who are blind or visually impaired. The applicant should reside or attend school in the state of Illinois.

The scholarship will be awarded in January/February 2010.

HOW TO APPLY

Scholarship applications can be obtained through any of the IAER board members and on the Illinois Chapter Website at www.aerbvi.org (link to Illinois AER). Applications are also available at Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, and Western Michigan University.

DEADLINES

The deadline for scholarship applications is November 1, 2009.

Applications can be mailed to:

Cindy Miller, IAER Scholarship Chairman

20 Lindell Drive

658 E. State Street

Jacksonville, IL 62650

or email to:

Cindy.N.Miller@illinois.gov



Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired Illinois Chapter **Scholarship Application 2009-2010**

The IAER awards yearly scholarships, up to \$750, to student(s) holding junior or senior, graduate student, or post graduate status who is enrolled in class(es) leading to certification areas in the field of education/ rehabilitation for persons who are blind or visually impaired. The applicant should reside or attend school in the state of Illinois.

Application Requirements:

1. Completed Application form
2. Official transcripts
3. 200-word essay on *"Why I have chosen to enter the field of education/ rehabilitation for persons who are blind or visually impaired."*
4. Three references with contact information

Application Deadline: November 1, 2009

Scholarship Awarded: January/February 2010

DATE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I hereby apply for an IAER Scholarship. I agree to abide by the decision of the scholarship committee.

Signature Date

List academic achievements. (Awards and citations)

List extracurricular activities. (Include clubs, organizations, offices held, creative projects, etc.)

Give a brief history of employment.

Give a brief history of volunteer experiences.

References:

1. Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Connection to Applicant _____

2. Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Connection to Applicant _____

3. Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Connection to Applicant _____

Please mail application and essay; have official transcripts sent to:

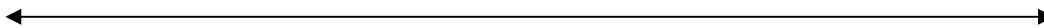
Cindy Miller IAER Scholarship Chairman

20 Lindell Drive

Jacksonville, Illinois 62650

or email to:

Cindy.N.Miller@illinois.gov



Illinois Association of Education and Rehabilitation Mini Grants

Illinois AER is pleased to announce that the Mini Grant fund continues to be available. The board has allocated a total of \$1,500.00 for this fund for the budget year, July 1 to June 30. The goal of the IAER Mini Grant Program is to encourage opportunities to further the purpose of AER.

Mini Grants may be awarded for but are not limited to curriculum development, research, innovation and improvement of a particular area of service (e.g. communications) and the implementation of activities or ideas.

The goal is to solicit simple projects that meet a practical educational need for students and professionals.

Applications may be submitted between October 15 and April 15. A committee of IAER members and board members will evaluate proposals and responses will be sent to the candidates within 30 days of the submission.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Leah Gerlach

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