



Quarterly Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

3:00pm-5:00pm

Locations

Virtual Meeting Via WebEx

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Agenda

1. Call to Order – Natalie Furlett, Chair
2. Roll Call – *please type in your name, and if you are voting or non-voting in the chat*
3. Approval of the Minutes
4. Serve Illinois Executive Director Update - Andres Fernandez
 - a. VISTA Application
 - b. IDHS Presentation to the Secretary re Strategic Framework
 - c. April 12-15 AmeriCorps National Visit
 - d. Commissioner Recruitment
 - e. A thank you for your dedication to the Serve Illinois Commission
 - f. Site visit from the CDC to Sinai on March 27th and April 9th
5. IDHS/Serve Illinois Leadership Update
 - a. National Service Program – Davida Fanniel
 - i. Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF)
 - ii. AmeriCorps VISTA
 - iii. ***Save the Date***
 1. Good Deed Day of Service
 - b. Volunteer Program – Jacob Jenkins
 - i. GVSA: A total of 34 volunteers were selected as winners for the 2023 – 2024 class from across Illinois. The award ceremony will be on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the South Shore Cultural Center in Chicago. Thus far, over 80 people have RSVP'd
 - ii. Serve IL Day of Service: In celebration of National Volunteer Month, Serve Illinois is proud to support the fight against food insecurity by hosting the challenge to collect 100,000 pounds of food for residents across Illinois within 48 hours. Organizations are being encouraged to collect food for 48 hours from April 12 to April 13, 2024. We have also launched the Illinois Fights Food Insecurity Together Pledge
 - iii. GHTA: The recognition committee is currently reviewing the 2024 GHTA Application packet. More information to follow



- iv. ICOVA: The executive committee has been working on logistics. The proposed event date is July 22nd and 23rd. More information to come regarding participation in individual committees
 - v. Regional Recognition Events: In March, we will be attending the Women Who Lead Gala by Women and Wealth in Rockford in honor of Women's History Month to recognize their volunteers. Various regional recognition events will be scheduled in April for National Volunteer Month
 - vi. National Service Summit: The proposed event date is Monday, May 20, 2024. Registration will be released in the coming weeks
 - vii. Disaster Relief- The team continues to meet with FEMA representatives and communities across Cook County forming long-term recovery groups. Over 80 volunteers have been recruited to assist with administrative needs
 - c. AmeriCorps Program – Kristen Bethke
 - i. Formula Traditional and Formula Fixed grants have been posted and applications are due on 4/5/2024
 - ii. We are continuing to communicate with our AmeriCorps Portfolio Manager to work through issues that arise
 - iii. Tina Dunphy, our consultant, is working with us to make updates and corrections to current forms
 - iv. We held a Program Officer Training in Chicago on March 7th and spent the day reviewing important topics to ensure continued management of our AmeriCorps programs
 - v. America's Service Commission hosted a National Service Criminal History Check on 3/11/2024. The training provided a high-level overview and was mandatory for all programs and AmeriCorps staff
 - vi. We are continuing to gather feedback and success stories related to the Community Service Funds provided to help our AmeriCorps members
 - 6. Calendar of Events (Cecilia Maciel and Jacob Jenkins)
 - 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance & Governance – Scott Clarke
 - i. Commissioner required trainings for 2024 now available on One Net
 - 1. <https://onenet.illinois.gov/>
 - a. Ethics Training Program for State Employees and Appointees
 - b. Harassment & Discrimination Prevention Training
 - c. LGBTQIA+ Equity and Inclusion 2024
 - d. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Training 2024
 - e. Security Awareness 2024
 - ii. One-time training only:
 - 1. Through Illinois Attorney General's Office at <https://foiapac.ilag.gov/>
 - 2. Open Meetings Act training
 - ii. Recognition Committee –Amy Rueff
 - i. Governor's Hometown Awards
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2. Dates below are proposed and contingent upon committee approval:
 - a. Application Release: May 3, 2024
 - b. Application Deadline: June 7, 2024, by 5:00 PM
 - c. Governor's Hometown Awards:
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 - ii. Application Deadline: June 7, 2024, by 5:00 PM
 - ii. Governor's Volunteer Service Awards
 1. A total of 34 volunteers were selected as winners for the 2023 – 2024 class from across Illinois
 2. Thank you to the 14 commissioners who served as judges and reviewed over 90 applications
 3. The award ceremony will be on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the South Shore Cultural Center in Chicago
 4. The closing date to RSVP was March 18th, but we are extending it until Friday, March 22nd for commissioners
 5. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVSARSVP2024>
 8. AmeriCorps Agency Update – Shawn Gunnoe
 9. Public Comment
 10. 2024 Meeting Dates
 - a. Next meeting – any opposition to moving it to June 26th rather than June 20th?
 11. Adjourn
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