

# Oakton AFA News

Oakton Adjunct Faculty Association NEA/IEA  
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## Special points of interest:

- Membership meeting at Riggio's was a success
- Oakton Adjuncts in the news on multiple levels

## FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On October 11th, we had another successful and fun membership meeting at Riggio's. It was a full room of at least 48 people. The main business was a presentation from the negotiating team of their view of the last contract and a review of its gains. For the entertainment, we thank Dr. David Hunter for showcasing a range of World Music with his own collection of instruments.

We encourage you to attend our next membership meeting (which will be announced here and in email) not only for the union business conducted but for the collegiality. It's a great

place for people in the different disciplines to meet.

## BREAKING NEWS— CHAMPAIGN GRADUATE STUDENTS STRIKE

As of this writing, the Graduate Employees' Organization at the Champaign-Urbana campus has voted to authorize a strike and is expected to start striking on Monday morning, November 16th. They have settled all contract issues except tuition waiver issues. Let's hope their strike is both short and successful.

## IEA Regional Assembly

In the first week of December, we will hold an election of delegates to the IEA's regional assembly, which is held in Rosemont March 18th-20th. If you would like to volunteer to be a delegate, please contact Donna Ryan through division IV. It's an opportunity to meet other education professionals from the area as well as local and state level political leaders.

## Award Winning Coaching

Congratulations to Steve Brody, the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference coach of the year! Awards for our work are becoming the most regular part of our newsletter!

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## Chronicle Article

Hopefully you all saw the Chronicle of Higher Education article which used Oakton's Adjuncts as its core example of part-time faculty and quoted several of our members and union leaders. It created a lively discussion which can be seen in your Oakton email.

## Union Dues

From our previous and next paychecks, of November 13 and 27, you should notice union dues have been deducted. From each of the two paychecks, members should be paying 49.50 and fair-share payers 44.50. Please note that local dues are only ten dollars, and the rest is set by the IEA. Some late deductions may not show up until our next paycheck.

## SURS Contributions

The IEA, at the regional level, is encouraging us to write to the Governor and State Comptroller to protest against the state not making its required pension payments to SURS in August and September. The total is approximately \$125 million dollars. While the state is under a financial crunch, we can't let this set a continuing precedent.