

IAD 2023 Biennial Conference

SPRINGFIELD, IL

JUNE 30 - JULY 1, 2023



Stormy Start Ahead of Conference



We would like to thank everyone who continued to support and attend the conference despite the severe storms in Central IL and the Springfield area on Thursday, June 29th which caused localized damage, major power outages and road closures.

Early arrivals from the Northern portion of the State reported longer than average drive times due to road closures and detours resulting from storm damage and traffic light outages.

The first night there was no power at the hotel, many of us got by with flashlights and cold showers the next morning. By late Friday, power was restored. Nearby restaurants, stores and gas stations continued to have no power, thus we had to search for open locations nearby. During the conference days on Friday and Saturday, the weather was great. Cellular services for wireless devices were somewhat spotty during the weekend due to tower power outages.

We value everyone's safety and time. The Board made the decision to relocate the conference sessions to an alternate location, the Knights of Columbus of Springfield were generous to provide use of their facilities at the last minute.

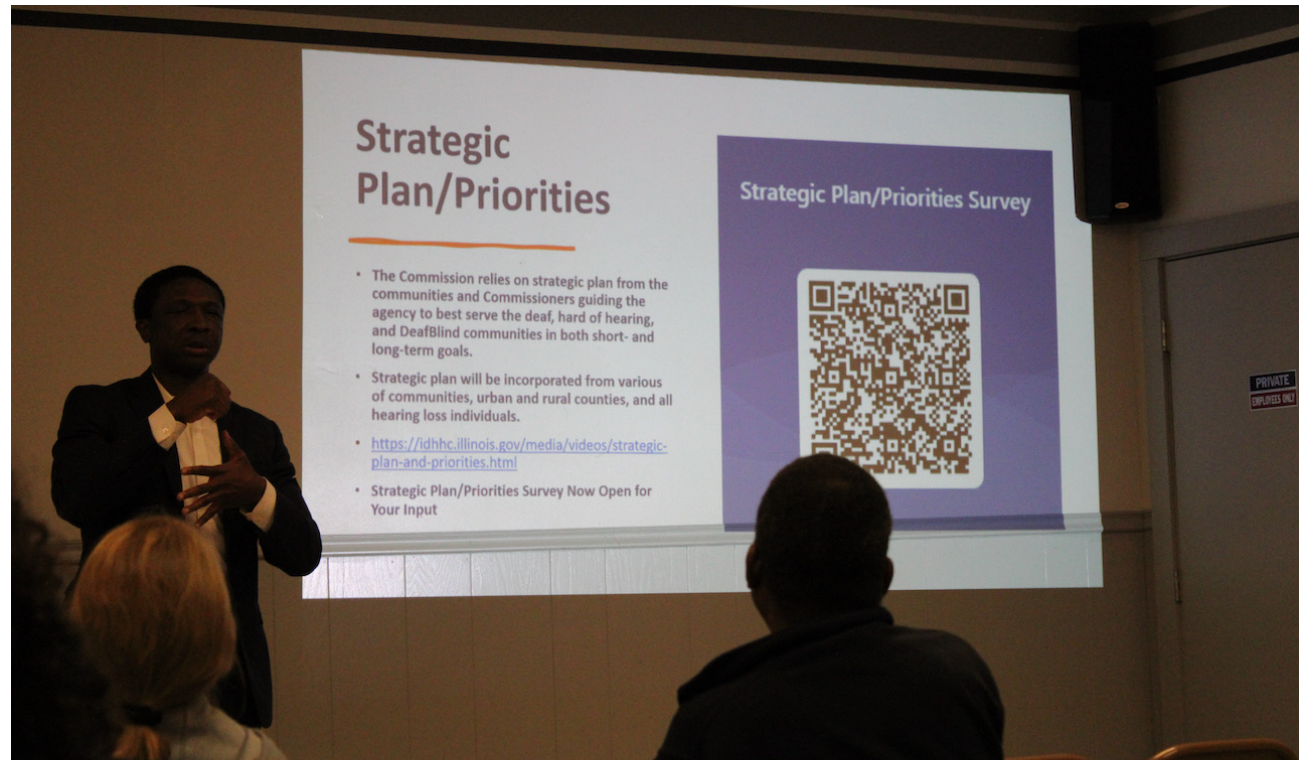
The conference committee, vendors, and volunteers worked hard to ensure that conference was a success. This will be one conference to remember where IAD persevered!







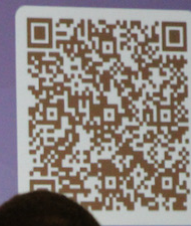




Strategic Plan/Priorities

- The Commission relies on strategic plan from the communities and Commissioners guiding the agency to best serve the deaf, hard of hearing, and DeafBlind communities in both short- and long-term goals.
- Strategic plan will be incorporated from various of communities, urban and rural counties, and all hearing loss individuals.
- <https://idhhc.illinois.gov/media/videos/strategic-plan-and-priorities.html>
- Strategic Plan/Priorities Survey Now Open for Your Input

Strategic Plan/Priorities Survey











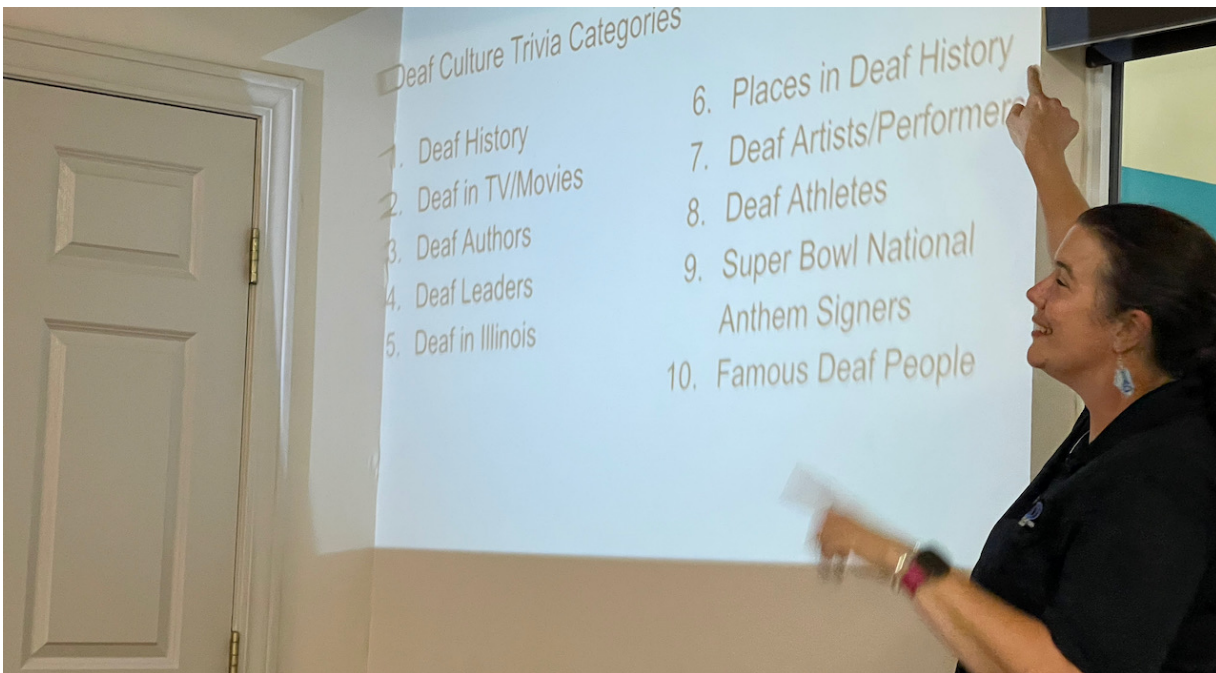
General Meeting (Bylaws)





Due to no power for planned Bowling Night, Deaf Culture Trivia night was hosted by Fara Harper! (ignore the time and date)

We had laughs and a blast! 😊



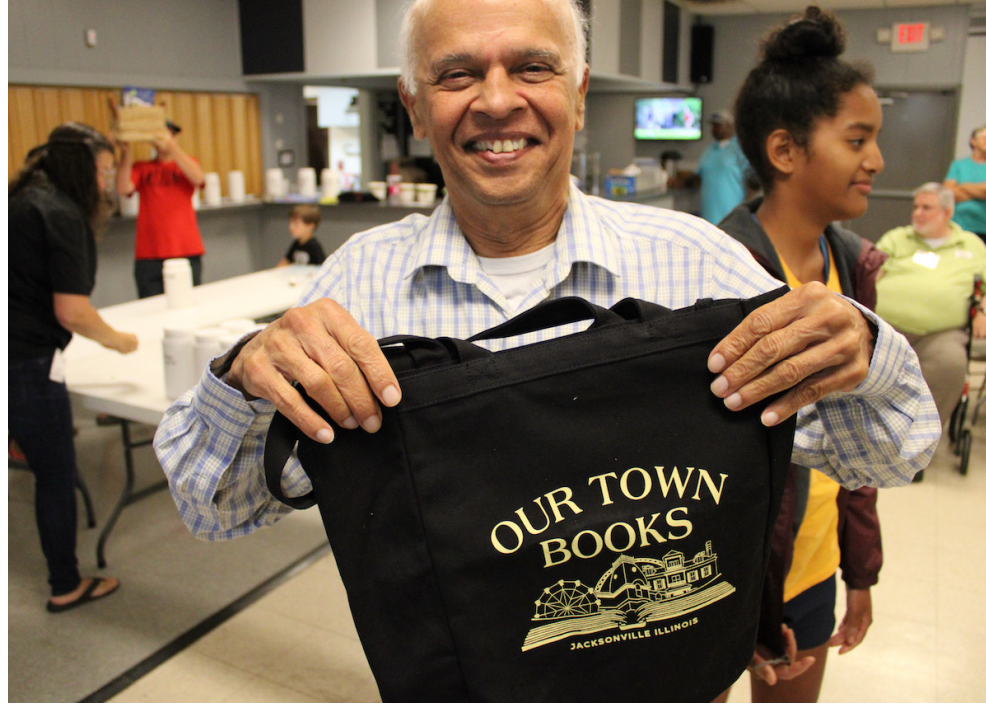




Selling Raffle Tickets!

Raffle Prizes / Drawings









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Swearing-in and Oath of New Officers and Consultants



President Raymond Francini **Vice President** Marietta Coufal **Secretary** Carlos Ivan Colon **Treasurer** Joe Vieira **Membership Secretary** Fara Harper **Trustee** Minette Sternke **Trustee** Anil Phadke **Trustee** Tom Bruhn



IAD Officers for the 2023-2025 Term

**Congratulations to the newly elected officers
from the 2023 IAD Conference!**

**President
Raymond Francini**

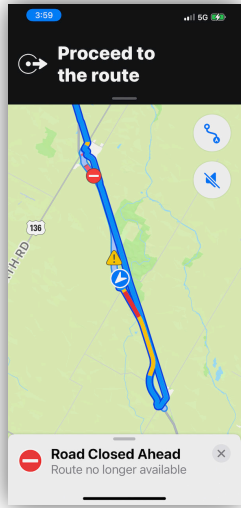
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Random After Storm Photos



Forced road closure on I-55 South

Downed power lines



Strolling through hotel with flashlight



Checking in with no power
Manager used truck /cord as a generator to power computers and key cards 🤖



Tree damage at hotel

**Thanks for everyone's participation
and support for IAD**

**We look forward to our next conference in 2025
Date and location to be determined!**



The image features a series of concentric circles. The outermost ring is a dark red color. Inside it is a lighter red ring, followed by a dark blue circle in the center. The text "That's all folks!" is written in a white, cursive script across the dark blue circle. The text is enclosed in double quotation marks. The overall style is reminiscent of classic animation end screens.

“That's all folks!”