



IIN Council Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2023 1:00 – 2:30 PM
iHotel and Conference Center
Heritage Hall 2
1900 South First Street
Champaign Illinois

- 11:30 – 1:00 PM **Lunch** (Heritage Hall 4)
- 1:00 – 1:05 PM **Welcome and Introductions**
- Leslie Roundtree, IIN Council Acting Chair
 - Jay Walsh, Vice President, University of Illinois System
- 1:05 – 1:10 PM **Election of IIN Officers** (Kyle Harfst – Action Item)
- Chair (Leslie Roundtree)
 - Vice Chair (Denise Cobb)
 - Secretary (Chris Merrett)
 - At Large (Craig McLauchlan)
- 1:10 – 1:20 PM **Jobs in Agriculture** (Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton)
- 1:20 – 1:30 PM **Falling Walls Lab Winner Presentation** (Cynthia Faullin)
- 1:30 – 1:45 PM **Working Committees** (Kyle Harfst)
- Entrepreneurship Committee Presentation (Cynthia Faullin)
 - Approve Entrepreneurship Committee Charge (Action Item)
 - Approve Thomas Skuzinski as Chair of Research & Collaboration Committee (Action Item – Bio Attached)
- 1:45 – 1:50 PM **Illinois Broadband Lab Update** (Matt Schmit & Aneta Lee)
- 1:50 – 1:55 PM **Approval of May 25, 2023 Minutes** (Leslie Roundtree - Action Item)
- 1:55 – 2:00 PM **Public Comment** (Kyle Harfst)**
- 2:00 – 2:30 PM **New Business** (Leslie Roundtree)
- NSF GRANTED Award
 - Pending Grant Updates
 - Social Innovation Seed Grants
 - Sustaining Illinois Seed Grants
 - Open Discussion
- 2:30 PM **Adjourn** Next Meeting - November 9, 2023



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****Public Comment**

Comments may be provided via chat or verbally at the meeting or, by September 27, 2023 at noon, by email to vpedi@uillinois.edu

Thomas Skuzinski, Candidate to Chair Research & Collaboration Working Committee

Thomas Skuzinski is Director of the Institute for the Study of Environment, Sustainability, and Energy (ESE) at Northern Illinois University (NIU), where he serves a collaborative group of five jointly-appointed faculty, 46 faculty associates, and 118 undergraduate majors. Skuzinski is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Administration at Northern Illinois University, where he helps coordinate the specialization in Local Government Management (ranked #5 nationally by U.S. News and World Report) and teaches Master of Public Administration courses in law, planning and zoning, governance, and performance management. In his research, Skuzinski studies decision-making by and among local government managers, administrators, and elected officials as they tackle major policy problems, especially decisions regarding collaboration in sustainable infrastructure systems.