

**May 2023**

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### ***What is the AFA?***

It's your union, protecting and fighting for the rights of all adjuncts covered under the bargaining agreement between the college and the AFA (anyone teaching at least six LHE's in any of the three previous terms).

### **Summer 2023 Payroll Dates**

5/26, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4

### **Oakton Board of Trustees Meetings**

May 23, June 27, August 15 in the Des Plaines Board Room

### **AFA President's in-person Office Hours**

Returning in Fall!

### **AFA Open Office Hours**

Returning in Fall!

### **Next AFA Board Meeting**

June 2 [on Zoom](#)



### ***2023-2026 AFA Board Elected***

The AFA Board for the next three years, beginning in August is:

Mary Hope Griffin – President

Mary Obernesser – Vice President

Linda Berendsen- Secretary

Sylvia Cielak – Treasurer

Sylvia is our newest person on the board. She is taking the place of our long-time treasurer, Cindy Del Medico, who is retiring. Cindy will spend the summer bringing up Sylvia to speed on what the job involves. Best wishes to Cindy as she gets to spend more time with her grandchildren, and welcome to Sylvia!

### ***Teaching this Summer?***

Or this Fall, for that matter. In this era of wait listing and declining enrollment, be sure to check that the course you have been assigned is actually visible to the students. Go to Browse Classes and check to see that your course appears there. It has happened that a course that should have been available for enrollment was not visible to students until too near the start of classes for the course to be viable. Don't let this happen to you.

### ***You Can Still) Help Eliminate the [Windfall Elimination Provision](#).***

You can sign up to receive alerts on the progress of the bill in [the Congress](#). It appears to be in [the Senate Committee on Finance](#). Call them or email them your personal story about why passage of this bill is so important.

### ***Free Time this Summer?***

Spending quality time with your kids? The [Wasteshed](#) on Hartrey in Evanston is dedicated to re-use and is packed with materials for art supplies kids (and you) will enjoy: markers, stamps, sewing supplies, yarn, art books, stickers, corks, buttons, etc. etc. All extremely cheap. Educators can pick up supplies (binders, paper, folders, etc.) for FREE.

Rehabbing? The [Rebuilding Exchange](#) is in the same building as the Wasteshed. They deconstruct houses so that the doors, trim, fixtures and so on can be re-used. Visitors to my house are proudly shown the two toilets I got for \$25 each!

Downsizing? [Books-4-Cause](#) in Skokie sends books needed by schools in Africa and sells others to pay for the shipping. You can drop off books anytime and they will also pick them up at your house. (Even area rummage sales will no longer take donations of books.)