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Central Illinois Chapter Collection**

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Brief History

Founded in 1926, the American Civil Liberties Union is the largest national voluntary organization committed to the protection and defense of all persons' Constitutionally guaranteed rights. Advocacy is in the areas of racial justice, religious liberty, freedom of expression, the rights of children and people with disabilities, criminal justice system reform, police practices reform, fairness for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender individuals, and reproductive justice. (from website)

The Central Illinois Chapter's mission is to support and promote the protection of civil liberties in McLean, De Witt, and Livingston Counties of the State of Illinois. The chapter meets monthly and supports speakers and programs on a variety of pertinent issues.

Scope

This collection includes minutes from the Central Illinois Chapter's meetings from 2013 to the present, publicity for various events, and correspondence relating to important issues.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Steering Committee Minutes and Agenda – 2013-2017

- 1.1 January 2, 2013, minutes
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- 1.4 January 8, 2014, minutes
- 1.5 February 5, 2014, agenda
- 1.6 April 2, 2014, minutes
- 1.7 May 7, 2014, minutes
- 1.8 June 4, 2014, agenda, minutes
- 1.9 July 9, 2014, minutes, State and National Issues – statement from Jack Porter
- 1.10 August 6, 2014, minutes
- 1.11 September 3, 2014, agenda, minutes
- 1.12 November 5, 2014, agenda
- 1.13 December 4, 2014, email follow-up to December 3 meeting
- 1.14 January 15, 2015, minutes
- 1.15 March 4, 2015, agenda
- 1.16 April 1, 2015, minutes
- 1.17 April 29, 2015, minutes
- 1.18 June 3, 2015, agenda, minutes, treasurer's report
- 1.19 July 1, 2015, minutes
- 1.20 August 5, 2015, agenda, minutes
- 1.21 September 2, 2015, agenda
- 1.22 September 25, 2015, email regarding student at Central Catholic High School
- 1.23 September 29, 2015, agenda

- 1.24 September 7, 2016, minutes
- 1.25 November 2, 2016, agenda and minutes
- 1.26 December 7, 2016, agenda, minutes
- 1.27 March 1, 2017, minutes
- 1.28 April 5, 2017, agenda, minutes, treasurer's report
- 1.29 May 3, 2017, agenda, minutes
- 1.30 June 7, 2017, agenda, minutes, email regarding meeting
- 1.31 July 5, 2017, minutes, email regarding meeting
- 1.32 August 2, 2017, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 1.33 October 4, 2017, agenda, minutes
- 1.34 November 1, 2017, agenda, treasurer's report
- 1.35 December 6, 2017, minutes, treasurer's report, email to Tom Cullen

Folder 2: Steering Committee Minutes and Agenda -- 2018-2019

- 2.1 February 7, 2018, minutes
- 2.2 March 7, 2018, minutes
- 2.3 April 4, 2018, minutes
- 2.4 June 4, 2018, minutes
- 2.5 July 11, 2018, minutes
- 2.6 August 1, 2018, agenda, minutes
- 2.7 September 5, 2018, minutes
- 2.8 September 26, 2018, minutes, email from Bruce Lang regarding Fall 2018 elections
- 2.9 October 3, 2018, agenda
- 2.10 November 7, 2018, minutes, treasurer's report
- 2.11 December 5, 2018, agenda, minutes
- 2.12 January 9, 2019, agenda, minutes
- 2.13 February 6, 2019, agenda, minutes
- 2.14 March 6, 2019, agenda, minutes
- 2.15 May 1, 2019, agenda, minutes
- 2.16 June 5, 2019, agenda, minutes
- 2.17 July 3, 2019, agenda, minutes
- 2.18 August 7, 2019, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 2.19 September 11, 2019, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 2.20 November 6, 2019, agenda, treasurer's report with email explanation, minutes
- 2.21 December 4, 2019, agenda, minutes, email with correction to minutes (spelling of names), proof of ?
- 2.22 December 17, 2019, special session to consider resolution supporting impeachment of President Donald J. Trump.

Folder 3: Events and Programs

- 3.1 "Defend Your Freedoms" July 4th – copies of two banners, undated.
- 3.2 Flyer about Stand UP for Social Justice Vigil, May 8 (no year given).
- 3.3 "Civil liberties in the US: FBI targeting of peace activists," talk with Joe Iosbaker,
- 3.4 February 3, 2013, and email announcement regarding talk, January 17, 2013.
- 3.5 Flyer: "Medical Marijuana in Illinois" lecture by Dr. Ralph Weisheit, October 8, 2014.
- 3.6 Postcard: "Police Use of Force" lecture by Dr. Jason Ingram, November 4, 2015.

- 3.7 Flyer about Stand Up for Social Justice candlelight vigil, December 13, 2016, and attached email.
- 3.8 Postcard: “Reducing Our Prison Population” by Elizabeth Robb and Andrew Leipold, February 22, 2017.
- 3.9 Postcard: “Reproductive Rights in Illinois, lecture by Rianne Hawkins and Jenna Prochaska and “Civil Rights in the Trump Era” lecture by Ed Yohnka, October 18, 2017.
- 3.10 Flyer: “Civil Rights in the Trump Era” lecture by Edwin Yohnka, November 8, 2017.
- 3.11 Email announcement about “Women Who Kill” to be screened at Normal Theater, February 4, 2017.
- 3.12 “We the People Bloomington – ACLU Listening Tour,” November 29, 2017,
- 3.13 Postcard for “Flawed Forensics & Wrongful Convictions,” lecture by John Hanlon and Lauren Kaeseberg, February 28, 2018.
- 3.14 List of ideas for programs, undated, unsigned, 3pp.
- 3.15 List of LGBTQIA events in Bloomington/Normal, September 2018.
- 3.16 Postcard: “Love Across Borders” by Charlotte Alvarez and Ed Yohnka, September 26, 2018.
- 3.17 Postcard: “Legal Marijuana in Illinois” by Dr. Ralph Weisheit, April 3, 2019.
- 3.18 Postcard: “Free Speech and Free Press in the Trump Era” by Donald Craven, October 2, 2019.
- 3.19 Flyer: “Surveillance After 9/11” speech by Mark Silverstein, April 7, 2010.
- 3.20 Flyer: “Free Speech and Free Press in the Trump Era” by Donald Craven, October 2, 2019, plus welcome notes, and Craven’s bio, 4pp.
- 3.21 Postcard: “The Danger to the Republic Posed by the President’s Emergency Powers, Robert Bradley, April 15, 2020.
- 3.22 Postcard: “Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution” film presentation, July 28, 2021.
- 3.23 “The Serpent Beguiled Me: Criminal Justice, Prisons, and the Illusion of Originalism” by Judge James A. Knecht, September 20, 2022: flyer, poster, Knecht’s vitae, transcript of the Zoom talk—16pp.
- 3.24 Email invitation for voting Rights events on September 16, October 14, and November 18, 2020, 4pp.
- 3.25 Postcard: the film “The Fight” screened April 15, 2021, 2 copies.
- 3.26 Postcard: First Virtual Film Festival, featuring Dr. Jared Brown, January 21, 2021.

Folder 4: Correspondence

- 4.1 Form letter to Dear Friend from Anthony Romero, soliciting special donation to ACLU, April 21, 2017, 4pp.
- 4.2 Letter (first page only) to Dr. Mark Daniel regarding basketball coach Brian Cupples and other coaches allegedly on “a faith based mission” with students, May 25, 2017.
- 4.3 Printouts of information regarding coaches proselytizing to students and Tweets between Brian Cupples and his students and others, 24pp.
- 4.4 Letter to Dr. Mark Daniel (sender not indicated) regarding varsity coach Chris Hawkins discussing faith and the Bible with his players, June 7, 2017. Printout attached of *Pantagraph* article “Kindred: West star Dillingham connects with faith.”
- 4.5 Letter to Dr. Mark Daniel (sender not indicated) regarding application for “The Caity Thoennes FCA College Scholarship, June 14, 2017.

- 4.6 Email exchange between John Fischer (Normal Public Library) and Ken Berk regarding use of room for an ACLU event, October 20-23, 2017.
- 4.7 Letter to Mayor Chris Koos and President Larry Dietz from Indivisible McLean County Leadership Council about ISU students being able to vote easily in the November 2018 election and requesting better accommodations in the next election, February 19, 2019.
- 4.8 Email from Ed Yohnka with communication update, June 26, 2020, 2pp.
- 4.9 Email from Emmalee Scott regarding new procedures because events have been canceled due to COVID, August 5, 2020, 2pp.

Folder 5: Miscellaneous

- 5.1 ACLU Fact Sheet, 2017, 3 pp.
- 5.2 Pamphlet "What to do if you're stopped by Police, Immigration Agents or the FBI," 2017, and card produced by ACLU, undated.
- 5.3 "Lo Que Deber Hacer Cuando Sea Detenido Pour la Policia" billfold card.
- 5.4 Certificate for Champions of Liberty Award, Recipient The League of Women Voters of McLean County, October 2014.
- 5.5 "Investigatory Stop and Protective Pat Down Settlement Agreement," August 2015, 9pp.
- 5.6 Flyer regarding contacting congressional representatives to Take Action for Sensible Gun Reform, and to join March for Our lives Blo-No, March 24 (no year given).
- 5.7 Statement from Robert Sutherland about his involvement with ACLU Central Illinois Chapter.
- 5.8 September 2019 Use of Force Taser Report, Bloomington Police Dept.
- 5.9 "Taser wars: Bloomington's Version of 'Shock and Awe'?" *indy*, April 28, 2004.
- 5.10 Issue of *The Brief*, the ACLU newspaper, March-May 1984.

Folder 6: Steering Committee Minutes and Agenda – 2020-2021

- 6.1 January 8, 2020, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.2 February 5, 2020, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.3 March 4, 2020, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.4 June 3, 2020, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.5 July 1, 2020, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.6 August 5, 2020, agenda, treasurer's report and minutes.
- 6.7 September 2, 2020, treasurer's report and minutes.
- 6.8 October 7, 2020, treasurer's report and minutes.
- 6.9 October 13, 2020, revised agenda.
- 6.10 November 4, 2020, agenda, minutes and treasurer's report.
- 6.11 December 2, 2020, agenda, minutes.
- 6.12 January 6, 2021, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes, chair's meeting notes.
- 6.13 February 2, 2021, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.14 March 3, 2021, agenda, minutes and treasurer's report.
- 6.15 April 8, 2021, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.16 May 5, 2021, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.17 June 2, 2021, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.18 July 7, 2021, minutes with treasurer's report, email about Supreme Court.
- 6.19 August 4, 2021, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.20 September 1, 2021, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.

- 6.21 November 3, 2021, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.
- 6.22 December 1, 2021, agenda, minutes.

Folder 7: Steering Committee Minutes and Agenda – 2022-2023

- 7.1 January 5, 2022, minutes, treasurer's report
- 7.2 February 2, 2022, agenda, minute
- 7.3 March 2, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 7.4 April 6, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 7.5 May 4, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 7.6 June 1, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 7.7 July 6, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 7.8 August 3, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 7.9 September 7, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes
- 7.10 September 20, 2022, minutes
- 7.11 November 2, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report
- 7.12 December 7, 2022, agenda, treasurer's report, minutes.

Folder 8: Steering Committee, Miscellaneous Correspondence

- 8.1 Email from Dave Bentlin to Steering Committee with notes from ACLU chapter conference call, January 9, 2018, 2pp.
- 8.2 Notice of Steering committee annual election, October 2, 2019.
- 8.3 Spring 2020 program ideas.
- 8.4 Message to Bruce about topics.
- 8.5 Communications Update, May 15, 2020, 3pp
- 8.6 Email from Carol Koos with Chapter update, May 15, 2020, 5pp.
- 8.7 Email from Carol Koos with correspondence with Kayla Howe, June 5, 2020, 5pp.
- 8.8 Email inquiry from Kayla Howe to Carol Koos, June 7, 2020.
- 8.9 Communications Update, June 19, 2020, 4pp.
- 8.10 Email from Carol Koos forwarding communication update from Chicago office, June 26, 2020, 2pp.

Folder 9: Central Illinois Chapter, Miscellaneous

- 9.1 Bylaws, Approved February 22, 2017, 2pp.
- 9.2 Central Illinois Chapter Communication Protocols chart.
- 9.3 Margot Mendoza and Kenton Machina v. Richard Godfrey, David Anderson, Town of Normal, petition filed April 6, 1983, 6pp.
- 9.4 Proposed ordinance by the McLean County Board amending the McLean County code to create chapter 305: Parades, public assembly and other gatherings, printed August 21, 2020, 5pp.
- 9.5 Email from Carol Koos to Steering Committee regarding proposal to limit public gatherings, August 27, 2020, 2pp.
- 9.6 Letter to McLean County Board from Juan Caballero, attorney for Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU of Illinois, regarding proposed ordinance regulating parades, public assembly, and other gatherings, August 31, 2020, 3pp.
- 9.7 Text of chapter's statement to be read at Board meeting about proposed ordinance, 2pp.

- 9.8 Gift Agreement describing donation by Margot Mendoza of State Farm Employment Records, etc. to MCMH, March 15, 2022.
- 9.9 Gift Agreement describing donation by Sally Pancrazio of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) materials, included in Folders 11-15, 2pp.
- 9.10 Gift Agreement, Carol Koos, Oct 6, 2025.

Folder 10: Minutes, Other Committees

- 10.1 Minutes of Minority and Policy Partnership (MAPP) meeting, June 5, 2019.
- 10.2 Email from Aaron Woodruff regarding options for the next MAPP meeting, May 29, 2020.
- 10.3 Agenda and minutes for Minority and Policy Partnership (MAPP) meeting, August 7, 2019.
- 10.4 Agenda for Minority and Policy Partnership (MAPP) meeting, October 2, 2019, with notes.
- 10.5 Email from Carol Koos to Steering Committee with summary of Police Reform Meeting, June 16, 2020, 2pp.
- 10.6 Minutes of McLean County Jail Review Committee meeting, March 23, 2022, 2pp.

Folder 11: Personal Notes, Sally Pancrazio

- 11.1 Memo to Ed Yohnka, Director of Communication, Chicago ACLU from Sally Pancrazio regarding Background Screening of Teachers in McLean County, February 14, 2023, 2pp.
- 11.2 List of Regional Office of Education by Victoria Padilla, 6pp.
- 11.3 List of Bloomington 87 by Michael Cornale, 4pp.
- 11.4 List of Olympia CUSD #16 by Velma Runyard, 6pp.
- 11.5 List of Normal Unit 5 by Julianna Field, 6pp.
- 11.6 Memo to Mark Klaisner from Sally Pancrazio regarding fingerprinting policies, January 22, 2023, 2pp.
- 11.7 Memo to Sally Pancrazio from Mark Jontry regarding background checks, January 26, 2023, 5pp.

Folder 12: Regional Office of Education #17

- 12.1 Letter from Sally Pancrazio to Regional Office of Education requesting paper copies of all application forms and requirements for employment in McLean County Schools, October 24, 2022, and reply from Victoria Padilla, FOIA Officer, November 1, 2022.
- 12.2 Requested forms and materials, 35pp.

Folder 13: McLean County Unit Dist. No. 5-- Job Descriptions, forms

- 13.1 Memos requesting application forms and statements of requirements from Unit 5 pursuant to the FOIA and the forms received, 16pp.
- 13.2 Job Descriptions and postings with required forms for the following teacher positions in 2022-2023 school year: Music, LBSI, and Early Childhood, 22pp.
- 13.3 Job Descriptions and postings with required forms for the following paraprofessional positions in 2022-2023 school year: Special Education and Regular Education, 20pp.
- 13.4 Job Descriptions and postings with required forms for the following substitute positions in 2022-2023 school year: Certified Teacher, 15pp.

Folder 14: Bloomington School District #87—Job Descriptions, forms

- 14.1 Letter from Sally Pancrazio to Human Relations Director requesting paper copies of all application forms and requirements for employment in Bloomington School District #87, October 24, 2022, and reply from Michael Cornale, FOIA Officer, November 2, 2022, 2pp.
- 14.2 Requested materials, 19pp.

Folder 15: Olympia C.U.S.D. #16—Job Descriptions, forms

- 15.1 New Employee Packet, 33pp.
- 15.2 Substitute Teacher Packet, 20pp.
- 15.3 Education Support Personnel Substitute Packet, 30pp.

Folder 16: Rally Speeches

- 16.1 Abortion Rights Rally, May 3, 2022. President Carol Koos.
- 16.2 Voices of Reason Rally, Apr 5, 2025. President Carol Koos.
- 16.3 No Cuts to Medicaid Rally outside Rep. LaHood's office, Apr 21, 2025. President Carol Koos.
- 16.4 Voices of Reason Rally, May 1, 2025. President Carol Koos.
- 16.5 No King's Rally, Jun 14, 2025. President Carol Koos.
- 16.6 Hands Off 50501 Rally, Jul 12, 2025. VP Irvin Epstein.