Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club General Assembly
Date: September 4, 2025

President Debbie Bucholz welcomed 45 club members to the annual General Assembly and opened the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Debbie offered details of board activity over the past year with many positive results including an increased social media presence, a successful banking transition and a solid financial status, a new vendor (Shirt Tales) for logo merchandise, and digitizing all past hike schedules (1957-current.) In addition, a change was made in mileage badge parameters to include 500 miles, donations were made to Eagle Creek Park Foundation and Indiana Parks Alliance, and the tech committee worked toward securing mileage entry and an online application process.

Four proposed changes to the current constitution and by-laws were explained in detail in an addendum to the August/September 2025 hike schedule. These changes were voted on as follows:

1. Article IV – The proposed revision would remove the Conservation and Electronic Media Directors from the list of Appointed Officers. Cathy Fischer made a motion to approve the change with Daymon Evans providing the second. The vote was unanimous in favor of the revision.
2. Article VI, Section 2, Duties – The proposed revisions were to remove Conservation, rename to Trail Maintenance and move to Duties of Board of Directors document under Non-Board Member Positions; and to remove Electronic Media Director, with the role and description being merged into Publicity. In addition, the list of Appointed Officers will be alphabetized and relabeled appropriately. Jean Ballinger made a motion to approve the changes with Annie Falvey providing the second. The vote was unanimous in favor of the revisions.
3. Article VIII – The proposed revision would add email as an allowable way to notify members of any proposed amendment to the Constitution. The current version did not include email, stating “sent to all members via mail or website.” Jean Ballinger made a motion to approve the addition of email with Mary Ann Layman providing the second. The vote was unanimous in favor of the revision.
4. By-Laws, Section 1, Membership Applications – The proposed revision simplifies the current version by stating “Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Applications must be accompanied by one year’s dues.”
   By-Laws, Section 2, Dues – The proposed revision would change the wording to read “If dues are not paid within 60 days of October, an attempt will be made to notify the member.” In addition, the existing reference to a one-time application fee would be

deleted. Mary Ann Layman made a motion to approve these revisions with Anna Hastings providing the second. The vote was unanimous in favor of the revisions.

Debbie thanked the nominating committee (Mike Lindstedt, Delaram Moghaddam, Terry Roesch) and presented the recommended slate of officers for the club year beginning 10/1/25:

President	Cathy Fischer
Vice President	Laura Otten
Secretary	Konnie Schlechte
Treasurer	Marian Fahy
Pathfinders	Jean Ballinger, Ed Wright

John McShea made a motion to approve the slate as recommended. Mary Ann Layman provided the second and the slate was approved unanimously.

Debbie then presented the recommended slate of directors for the club year beginning 10/1/25:
Debbie Bucholz, Martha Rivera June, Pat Lawler, Karen LeClerc
Randy Fischer made a motion to approve the slate as recommended. Delaram Moghaddam provided the second and the slate was approved unanimously.

Debbie congratulated and introduced the next president, Cathy Fischer, and presented her with the President's cane. Cathy announced the appointed board positions:

Historian	Mervyn Cohen
Membership	Terry Roesch
Mileage/Database	John McShea
Publications	Kae Ramey
Publicity	Delaram Moghaddam
Social	Annie Falvey
Webmaster	Paul Klimowitch

Debbie thanked the outgoing board members – Marti Burton, Phil Coons and Dave Drzewiecki. She also thanked members Dewey and Cheryl Conces for completing the annual audit, Marla Zinkan and Janie Westermeier for overseeing Meetup, and Joan Griffitts for being the administrator of the club's Google group.

The business meeting ended at 6:57 pm as Debbie introduced club member John Bacone to speak on his 40-year career with DNR as director of nature preserves. The evening closed with the club song.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary