Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club General Assembly
Date: September 10, 2026

President Cathy Fischer opened the meeting at 6:30 pm, welcoming 49 club members to the annual General Assembly and thanking Annie Falvey for organizing the event.

Cathy offered details of board activity over the past year with many positive results including a continued solid financial status, increased website security by implementing username/password requirements for all mileage entry into the database, the addition of a Club Stats link on the website, as well as adding latitude and longitude for every hike displayed on Google maps, adding Zelle as a payment option for annual dues renewal and winter banquet reservations, increasing social media presence with the addition of a YouTube channel for interview podcasts, and the start of planning for the Club's 70th anniversary next year.

Cathy thanked the nominating committee (Mike Lindstedt, Delaram Moghaddam, Terry Roesch) and presented the recommended slate of officers for the club year beginning 10/1/26:

President	Laura Otten
Vice President	Anna Hastings
Secretary	Lori Showley
Treasurer	Marian Fahy
Pathfinders	Jean Ballinger, Ed Wright

Karen LeClerc made a motion to approve the slate as recommended. Debbie Bucholz provided the second and the slate was approved unanimously.

Cathy then presented the recommended slate of directors for the club year beginning 10/1/26:
Cathy Fischer, Karen LeClerc, Richard Stroup and Janie Westermeier
Annie Falvey made a motion to approve the slate as recommended. Maribeth Fischer provided the second and the slate was approved unanimously.

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

Historian	Mervyn Cohen
Membership	Terry Roesch
Mileage/Database	TBD
Publications	Kae Ramey
Publicity	Delaram Moghaddam
Social	TBD
Webmaster	Paul Klimowitch

Cathy thanked outgoing board members Debbie Bucholz, Annie Falvey, Martha Rivera June, Pat Lawler, John McShea and Konnie Schlechte. She also thanked the club's "support staff" - members Dewey and Cheryl Conces for completing the annual audit, Dave Drzewiecki for managing trail maintenance efforts, Marla Zinkan and Janie Westermeier for overseeing Meetup, Joan Griffitts for being the administrator of the club's Google group, and Phil Smith and Paul Klimowitch for their work on the technology committee.

The business meeting ended at 6:45 pm as Cathy introduced Emilie Sweet, the interpretive naturalist at Fort Harrison State Park. Emilie spoke on the history of our state parks. The evening closed with the club song.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary