

ILLINOIS DRAFTING EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Drafting Educator:

The Illinois Drafting Educators Association has appreciated the support of drafting teachers for several decades now. For years, many community colleges and other institutions have taken on the time-consuming task of running a drafting/design competition as regional sites for secondary programs, and we are excited to continue this great tradition. We are again calling on you and your colleagues to participate in the **38th IDEA Regional Drafting-Design Competition** that will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2015**, at regional sites across the state. *NOTE: In case of regional date conflicts, an alternate date may be chosen.* First and second place regional winners will be eligible to compete at our state competition to be held on **April 11, 2015**, at Illinois State University in Normal. Last year, over 100 teachers and 1,000 students were involved at the regional level.

This year's paperwork will again be handled primarily via the IDEA web site, including regional site locations, calendar of events, rules and regulations, entry forms, and updates. Please check the web site -<http://www.idea-online.org/> and look under the [Competitions](#) link.

NEW IN 2015: We continue to seek ways to register the hundreds of entrants. This year, we will be changing the entry form from an MS Word file to an MS Excel file, but the form is essentially the same. Our Financial Director, **Joe Sieczkowski**, will convert the XLSX file to a Google spreadsheet so the competition directors can more easily share information. Check the website for more information regarding this newer method for registering your students.

As a former board member, I have been involved in IDEA for many years, and helped judge the state competition at ISU. Dr. Ryan Brown, now retired from ISU, will continue his role as the primary "problem" guy, and will assist coordination of the state competition. Richard Johansen, retired IDEA member, continues to develop architectural problems for the competition. We are looking forward to working with you to make this event a positive experience for you and your students.

Thanks again for making all of the drafting/design competitions a continued success each year!

Sincerely,

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