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BOARD UPDATES

On November 15, our Board Member Edwin Sanchez Molina attended the DCFS Latino Family Institute Day at St. Augustine College as an exhibitor. The goal of our attendance was to increase membership, increase engagement, and provide information of the mission of IAHSE. It was a successful event as current DCFS employees learned about IAHSE membership and non-state employees became interested in potentially becoming associate members. If your agency has an event that you would like IAHSE to come out to as an exhibitor, please e-mail us at IAHSE.Assoc@illinois.gov.

¡Happy Thanksgiving! En este Día de Acción de Gracias, es el momento perfecto para reflexionar sobre las cosas por las que estamos agradecidos. Tal vez es por nuestra familia, amigos, salud, o simplemente por tener comida rica en la mesa. Let's take a moment to appreciate las bendiciones grandes y pequeñas en nuestras vidas. No importa el idioma, gratitud siempre une corazones. ¿Y tú? ¿Por qué estás agradecido este año?



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of the final October payroll, our membership has grown to 398 members! We warmly welcome all our new IAHSE members and extend our heartfelt gratitude to our long-term members for your ongoing support. Together, our unity and strength in numbers empower IAHSE's mission to thrive and continue making an impact.

The IAHSE Board remains committed to increasing membership, and we deeply appreciate those who encourage new and current state employees to join. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for your dedication and support.

If you are not a member, we highly encourage you to become one. It is IAHSE's mission to increase and secure the number of Hispanic (Latino/a/e/x) employees at all levels of state government to ensure the full delivery of State services and resources to the Hispanic (Latino/a/e/x) community. A strong representation of Latinos is vital to promote change.

Please review our membership options on [our membership form](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

The [IAHSE LinkedIn](#) has been gaining traction and fast approaching 1000 followers. As part of the IAHSE effort to increase Latine representation in state government, we have been posting many of the state job postings on LinkedIn. The majority of our followers are Latine who are able to share state jobs within their own network. One of the benefits of state workers following us on IAHSE on LinkedIn is we are able to connect many of our members with other state Latine state employees and build a Latine pipeline of job opportunities within state government.

Please follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

FEEDBACK

Thank you to all who joined us at the 36th Annual Training Conference & Job Fair. We are conducting a short survey for the selection of 2025's conference venue and would appreciate your feedback.

Please complete the [survey](#) by December 15: surveymonkey.com/r/2025iahselocation.

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Name: Dinorah Jimenez

Current State Agency & Title: Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Up-State Facilities Manager

What city are you based in? Chicago

How long have you worked for the State of Illinois? 15 1/2 years



What interested you in working for the State of Illinois & the current agency you are working for?

I gained an interest in working for the State of Illinois due to the many opportunities available that would put me in a position to serve the public along side many others with the same passion in public service.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy spending my time in the kitchen cooking, and trying new recipes.

Fun fact about you? I absolutely love road trips, and dream of owning an RV some day.

Any achievements that you wish to share? Professional and/or personal? My professional/personal achievement is starting with the State as a mail room clerk and over the past 15 1/2 years with much patience and the will not to give up working my way to Public Service Administrator with IDFPR. During this time I also completed my Associates in Information Technology and Bachelors in Business Management while working full-time and raising four amazing children.

Anything else you wish to share with your IAHSE colleagues?

I would like to tell my IAHSE colleagues a phrase I grew up hearing and have been able to apply in many aspects of my life both personal and professional.

"Siempre para adelante, para atrás ni para tomar impulso!"

If you wish to be highlighted or nominate another IAHSE member, please email us at IAHSE.Assoc@illinois.gov.

