

### **SIEA Kick-off meeting minutes-**

Our kick-off meeting occurred on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in PAC 222. We started the meeting with everyone enjoying some pizza and a little bit of socializing. After that, we got things started. Cassie and Jenny presented a PowerPoint presentation entailing details for our McKendree Conference that will be on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to encourage everyone to join, and become a member. We made an offer that if you donated school supplies, then the \$8 local dues would be waived.

We also had computers set up in the back for easy access to join right then and there, and people seemed to really appreciate that convenience.

We also touched on state conferences and how fun they are. There will be a charter bus going from McKendree to go and pick up SIUE students as well to make it up to Lisle, IL. We hit on the importance of going to these state conferences to broaden your horizons, have more connections, and do more networking. All board members truly enjoy going to conferences.

We wrapped up the kick-off meeting with any questions, and giving away awesome prizes to all the new members, and the non-members that will soon become members. Everyone seemed to have a great time.