

ISBA Conference - September 23 - 24, 2024

I'm grateful for the opportunity to attend the ISBA Conference again this year. The keynote speaker, Sam Glenn, was very interesting. He talked about leadership and gave examples from his own personal life, while painting a wolf. His presentation was unexpected and quite a departure from the typical keynote presentation at these things.

I attended the following seminars:

Student Outcomes Don't Change Until Adult Behaviors Change - I read most of this book as part of the ISBA book club, but seeing this presenter in person was much more engaging. I don't necessarily agree with every point he made, but it is certainly worth thinking about and implementing some of his ideas.

I liked that so much, I also attended his second presentation, Great On Their Behalf, in which he presented more of the ideas from his book. He talked about the behavior of effective boards, including:

1. Focus Mindset
2. Clarify Priorities
3. Monitor Progress
4. Align Resources
5. Communicate Results

On Tuesday I attended the Leveraging AI seminar. That was quite interesting. How we respond to new technologies over the next several years is going to be exciting. I think we have a lot of potential in this town that values technology to use AI in innovative ways.

I also attended Authentic Community Engagement which reinforced my opinion that one on one conversations where the board member does a lot of listening is the best way to engage.