

Divisions and Division Meetings

The Why, The What, and The Work

The Why

IASB divides the state into 21 geographical areas called divisions for the purpose of organizing the Association's governance and to facilitate the delivery of services. Each division elects an individual called a director who serves on the IASB Board of Directors.

The What

All divisions hold regular meetings, and all the board members and school administrators from the division are welcome at these meetings. In some divisions meetings are held in a restaurant/banquet hall venue. Other divisions choose to have a local school district host the meeting in one of their buildings. Local division culture and tradition determines the style and content, but whatever the venue, division meetings serve several purposes.

The Work

1) Governance Structure and Procedures

The IASB Constitution assures the self-governance of each division. The division meeting provides the forum in which the IASB Directors are elected. In addition, each division has its own governing committee which usually consists of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Resolutions Chair. Some divisions elect "At-large" committee members.

- The **Chair** presides over the division meeting and leads the division in conducting business which may come before the group.
- The **Vice-Chair** serves in the Chair's absence.
- The **Resolutions Chair** facilitates the resolution process for the division. The chair encourages local boards to offer resolutions and leads the division in presenting those resolutions to the IASB Delegate Assembly at the IASB Joint Annual Conference. Resolutions adopted provide direction for IASB positions and activities.
- The **Division Director** represents their division on the IASB Board of Directors.
- **At-large Committee Members** participate in the work of the committee.

2) Networking

The division meeting provides an excellent opportunity for board members to network around common problems and ideas. Often board members meet new friends and regularly renew acquaintances.

3) Continuing Education

Division meetings provide an opportunity to learn. Most divisions, either through a featured speaker or through "breakout" sessions, offer learning opportunities on a variety of subjects pertinent to board members and administrators. Programming is determined by division leadership.

4) Update of IASB Products/Services and Activities

For many board members, division meetings are a chance to learn more about the products and services provided by the Association. The IASB staff provides regular updates about IASB products, programs, services, and lobbying activities. In addition, IASB Service Associates are invited to attend. IASB Service Associates are private businesses that offer school-related products and services.

5) Leadership Development and Recognition

Division meetings are a chance for IASB to recognize board members for their commitment to both their individual board work and for participation in IASB leadership and development activities. These gatherings are also a place where aspiring IASB leadership can develop the skills and relationships necessary to take a more active role in helping to lead IASB into the future.

* Visit www.iasb.com for more information on divisions, division officers and division meeting dates. In addition to information on the Association, each division has its own page for regional information.