

Getting Involved

The best way to be more involved in your division, division leadership, and to support the Association is to participate. Learn what resources are available through the Association and learn to use them. Share your experiences with other school board members. Attend division events and connect with your division officers and field services director. Make it known that when opportunities arise, you would like to be considered for service to the Association.



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead

Nominations and Filling Vacancies

Bylaws generally provide that the division chair appoints a nominating committee to present a slate of division officers to the governing board at a division meeting following school board elections. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during officer elections.

Bylaws generally provide that a vacancy is filled by appointment by the remaining officers. The appointment process is facilitated by the field services director and can occur via phone, email, or other means of communication.

Governing Board Representatives

Each active member school board is asked to select one of its school board members to vote on behalf of the school board on matters that come before the division for a vote and to serve as a channel of communication between his/her school board and the division.



Division Events and Planning

All divisions hold at least two division meetings a year. They provide opportunities for members to network, obtain professional development, learn about Association resources, and receive peer recognition.

The IASB field services director is responsible for all division events and activities. The field services director coordinates these events with input provided by the division officers and school board members. The planning may take place at a division governing meeting. Some divisions use an executive committee comprised of the division officers to plan. In these divisions the bylaws may provide for additional officer positions, such as directors-at-large. These additional division officer positions allow for greater participation in division planning.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,
what are you doing for others?”

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

History of IASB Divisions

Article VIII of the IASB Constitution gives the IASB Board of Directors the authority to establish regional divisions of the Association. Division bylaws must be approved by the IASB Board of Directors. This article also provides that each division shall establish a Governing Committee, which shall elect a director to serve on the Board of Directors, and such other officers as it may determine.

IASB has divided Illinois into 21 geographic regions, called divisions, for purposes of Association governance and delivery of services. Each division is served by a designated field services director. A division map and contact information for field services directors can be found on our website.



Division bylaws often address the mission/purpose of the division.

Generally, purposes include:

- Scheduling two or more division meetings each year.
- Providing an avenue for communications among local school boards, the Division, and IASB.
- Encouraging greater participation of members in the local, state, and federal legislative process.
- Developing school board member governance and leadership skills.
- Encouraging all school boards within the Division to become active members of IASB.

It is important for every division officer to be familiar with the IASB Constitution and the bylaws for their division. Division bylaws can be found at www.iasb.com by logging into your account and clicking on the “My Division” link.

Your division’s field services director is your resource for any questions concerning the division and its bylaws.

Division Officers

All 21 IASB Divisions have the following officers by authority of the IASB Constitution and division bylaws: **a chair, vice chair, resolutions chair, and director**. In addition, some division bylaws provide for one or more directors-at-large or other officers.

While each division identifies its elected officers and their responsibilities in its bylaws, there are certain similarities across all divisions.

Generally



The Division Chair is elected to

- Be the chief elective officer of the division.
- Preside at meetings of the division.
- Be an ex-officio member of any committees and/or appoint committee members.



The Division Vice Chair

- Assists the chair.
- Acts as chair in the temporary absence of the chair.



The Resolutions Chair

- Represents the division on the IASB Resolutions Committee.
- Gives the Resolutions Committee report at meetings.
- Attends the full Resolutions Committee meeting in early August (usually 1st Friday) in a location determined by the committee.
- Attends the Delegate Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference.

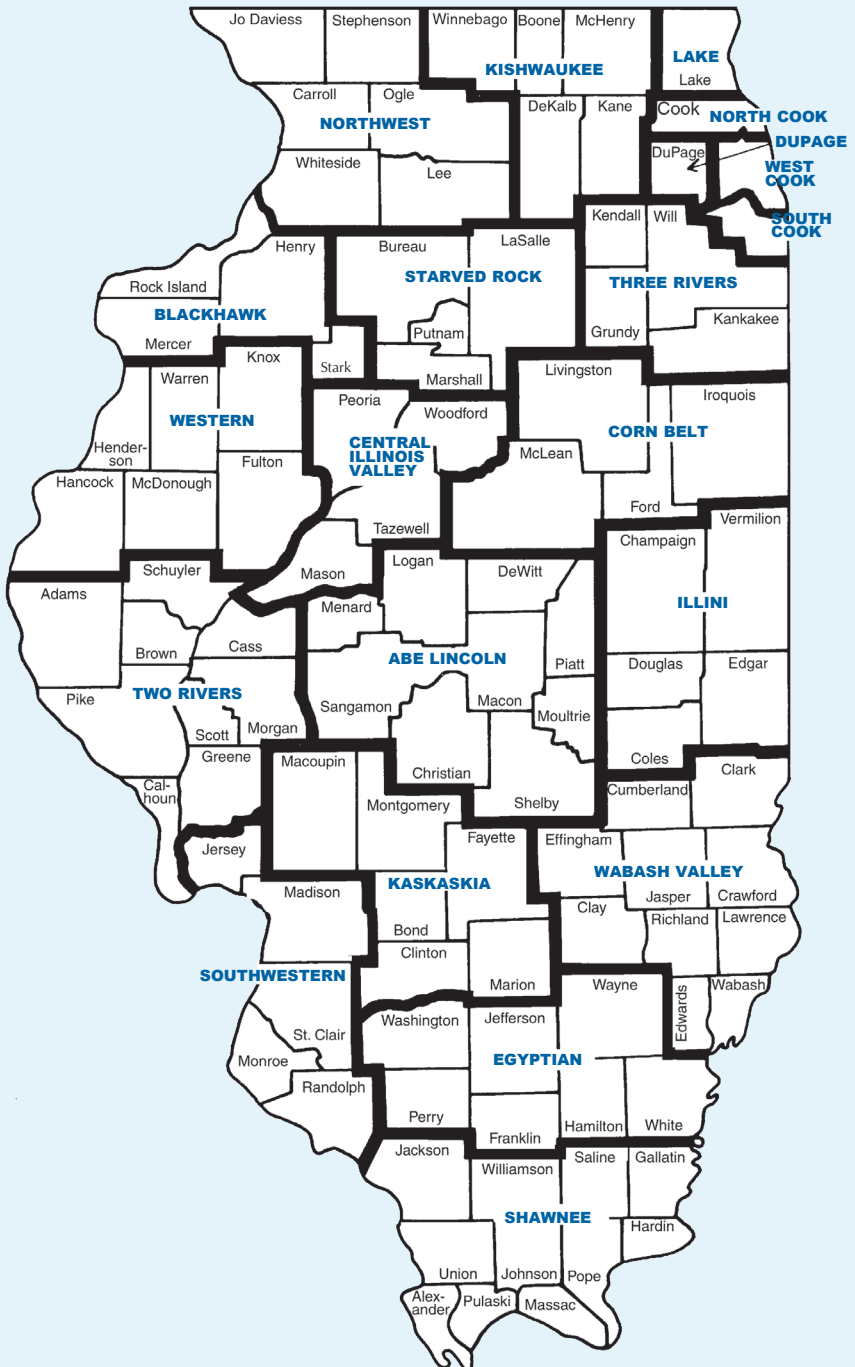


The IASB Director

- Represents the division on the IASB Board of Directors.
- Reports IASB Board of Directors activities to the division membership.
- Attends quarterly board of directors meetings.

The IASB director serves on the Association Board of Directors and as such has no individual authority. The role and responsibilities of the Board of Directors are set forth in Article V of the IASB Constitution.

IASB Divisions





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