

What does it mean to be a Governing Board Representative?



A primary function of each division is to serve as a channel of communication between local school boards in that division and the Illinois Association of School Boards. A Governing Board Representative facilitates two-way communication with the Association by:

- Receiving notices of all Division Meetings helping the superintendent and board president alert all local board members regarding events, and encouraging participation.
- Carrying district concerns to each Division Meeting.
- Reporting Division Meeting activities and actions back to the local board.
- Attend division events and any events to which Governing Board Representatives are invited.

Each local school board has one vote during Division Meetings. The Governing Board Representative should be designated by the local school board to cast a vote on behalf of the board. An alternate should be selected should the Governing Board Representative be unavailable or unable to attend. This is a local board decision, unless otherwise provided in the division by-laws. One important vote involves the election of division officers. These elections for the Division Director (a member of the IASB Board of Directors), and other division officers are traditionally held at meetings in the summer or fall following the school board election in the spring.

A Governing Board Representative also can assist the local board by facilitating communication about legislative issues and IASB resolutions and working with the division Resolutions /Legislative Chair.



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is excellence in local school board governance
supporting quality public education.*

Every member school board in all IASB divisions is asked to designate one of its members as an IASB Governing Board Representative. Typically, the representative will serve a two-year term or until the next school board election or reorganization. All board members and administrators in member districts are welcomed and encouraged to attend any and all Division Meetings.

IASB is grateful to everyone who is willing to serve as a division Governing Board Representative. Active participation by each member school board helps to maintain a healthy, vital Association and contributes to better governance of Illinois public school districts.

For more information about becoming your local district's Governing Board Representative, please contact your IASB Field Services Director.

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