



## Role and Responsibility of the IASB Board of Directors

The primary responsibility of the 17-member IASB Board is to ensure the organization is working to fulfill its vision, mission and goals as a nonprofit association. The Board sets strategic direction for the organization, adopts policy in accordance with law and nonprofit practices, provides fiscal oversight, and hires and evaluates the Executive Director. Board members also serve an important communication link with member school boards.

Each member of the IASB Board of Directors adds value to the whole group by:

1. Sharing their unique perspective on issues.
2. Sharing with staff what they learn about IASB members.
3. Sharing their passion and energy around the urgency of IASB's work.
4. Continuing to learn, along with fellow board members, about how to use the board's role to help achieve IASB's mission.

### Board Meetings and Commitment

The IASB Board of Directors meets 11 times per year. Six times a year they meet in person in Des Moines. The in-person meetings are often schedule in conjunction with IASB state conferences so that the Board may more easily attend. Others last two half-days starting at 1 p.m. the first day and ending by 12 noon of the second day. The five meetings that are held virtually generally begin at 7 p.m., lasting about an hour. The calendar of specific meeting dates is determined annually. Board meeting materials are posted about a week before the board meeting on the association's *Simbli* online board portal.

The IASB Board expects that its member directors keep attendance at IASB board meetings a high priority. The work of the board, including its learning, is so important that member absences may have the effect of diminishing the quality of the results of the work. The synergy created when all views are represented is difficult to replicate. In addition to board meetings, the board also expects directors to participate regularly in IASB programs in order to keep informed and to interact with members.

If a board member finds it necessary to miss a meeting it is their responsibility to notify the President and/or the Executive Director. Absent members are encouraged to give their input relative to agenda items to the President or the Executive Director.

**Communication Link with Members:** Each District Director is an important communication link between member school boards and the association's Board of Directors, officers and staff. District Directors may communicate periodically with board members in their director district through letters, phone calls and other methods to relate and obtain information about IASB priorities. In addition, District Directors play an important outreach role in actively participating in IASB conferences, events and regional workshops.

**Service on Related Boards and Committees:** IASB District Directors are often asked to serve on related boards. In addition, there may be occasions when a director is asked to represent IASB on a state committee, task force or commission.

**Expenses and Supports:** Lodging and mileage expenses related to Board meeting attendance are reimbursed by IASB. In addition, IASB Board members receive complimentary registration at IASB state conferences and regional meetings, so that they may network and communicate with the members.