

# Be Your Best on the Board!

The challenge of school board work is a big one. You must advocate for students and schools, set the district's vision and provide the structure for students to succeed. You are also accountable to your community. The Iowa Association of School Boards offers training and information to help you be your most effective in the shortest amount of time. We cover today's issues in detail to help you expand your knowledge and skills. Below are a few IASB training programs and resources of interest to board candidates.

**Visit the IASB Web site:** [www.ia-sb.org](http://www.ia-sb.org)

Citizens running for election to the school board will find the IASB Web site helpful in answering questions about the election process, getting acquainted with the responsibilities of board work, and building an understanding of current education issues.

## Orientation to Governance: Foundations of Effective Board Service

IASB offers the perfect workshop to help new school board members understand their roles and responsibilities and build practical skills in boardsmanship to help you be a leader at the board table. This workshop covers the nuts and bolts of school board service, including basic responsibilities, team work, open meetings laws, policy making and other topics. The class uses a variety of training techniques, from real-life case studies and class participation to formal presentations. You'll meet other new and experienced board members from your region, explore issues together and learn from one another. The modest registration fee is generally paid by the school district. You'll be able to register after your successful election, but now is a good time to **mark your calendar** for a date and location convenient for you. The exact locations for each session are yet to be confirmed. For now, please refer to the list below by region, to help you decide which one to attend. Our Web site, [www.ia-sb.org](http://www.ia-sb.org), will be updated with the exact locations soon.

**All sessions are 6:30-9:30 p.m. except as noted. Locations are labeled by IASB's Director Districts.**

DD#1	DD#2	DD#3	DD#4	DD#5	DD#6	DD#7	DD#8	DD#9
*Oct. 24	Oct. 28	Oct. 6	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	*Oct. 17	Sept. 29	Oct. 1	Oct. 29
Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 20		
				**Nov. 18				

\* Session held on a Saturday morning

\*\* Session held at the IASB Convention

## IASB Convention:

November 18-20, 2009, Des Moines  
Nationally recognized speakers, sessions on education issues, and nearly 100 schools sharing what works for them are all part of this premiere learning experience for school board members. About 1,500 board members and superintendents attend IASB Convention each year to learn, share ideas and become more effective in helping students achieve. Registration details are distributed in the fall.



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## Director District Map

