

## IAASE MISSION

The IAASE provides leadership related to special education by delivering: impactful advocacy for students and families, guidance for improving student outcomes, progressive professional development, effective legislative advocacy, dynamic networking opportunities, and statewide guidance on policy development.

IAASE believes in the following core leadership values:

- Upholding ethical leadership standards with integrity
- Exuding a strong sense of passion and commitment to the profession
- Emulating equity through all of our activities
- Creating solutions through adaptive problem solving
- Improving outcomes for students with special needs through data driven decision making
- Promoting change through innovative practices

### 2017-2018 IAASE Conference Locations

#### **September 28-19, 2017**

Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Conference Center  
18501 South Harlem Avenue  
Tinley Park, IL  
Phone: (708) 444-11—  
Guest Room Rate: \$121 Single/Double

#### **February 22-23, 2018**

Crowne Plaza Springfield  
3000 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL  
Phone: (217) 529-7777  
Guest Room Rate: \$125 Single/Double

Online conference registration is available at: [www.iaase.org](http://www.iaase.org)

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS and OPPORTUNITIES

IAASE member benefits include:

- Creating a positive impact on the professional lives of special education administrators across Illinois.
- Networking and social events with colleagues and other organizations that promote collegiality, ethical leadership standards, and professional integrity.
- Receiving email messages regarding legislative and professional updates.
- Becoming an Executive Board member with voting privileges and holding elected office positions.
- Chairing and participating on Executive Board standing and ad hoc committees.
- Serving on key statewide committees that interact locally, nationally, and with a powerful CASE affiliation.
- Attending and participating in IAASE conferences held each fall and winter with reduced conference fees.
- Attending and participating in area Region workshops, administrator academies, and mentoring sessions for developing leadership qualities.
- Receiving fall, winter, and spring newsletters that include upcoming IAASE activities; the most current legislative, financial, and legal updates; innovative practices; plus hot topics in administration.
- Accessing the member's-only portion of the IAASE website.
- Nominating colleagues for awards and recognition for developing innovative practices, mini-grants, and exemplary leadership.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- 1. Annual IAASE membership dues:**  
Membership dues are renewable at the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1<sup>st</sup> ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Online membership registration is available at [www.iaase.org](http://www.iaase.org)
- 2. Categories of membership:**
  - Individual Membership:** Includes all membership benefits including reduced conference registration fees and fall, winter, and spring newsletters. Membership is open to all general and special education administrators and professionals with responsibilities for special education in a public, private, state agency, and college or university. Individual members may vote and may hold office.  
**Individual Membership Dues: \$130**
  - Associate Membership:** Includes reduced conference registration fees and fall, winter, and spring newsletters. Associate membership includes professionally trained individuals in an area of education. Associate members may vote but not hold office.  
**Associate Membership Dues: \$130**
  - Affiliate Membership:** The CEO or designee receives reduced conference registration fees and fall, winter, and spring newsletters. Affiliate status is open to any individual, public or private agency, or educational organization which exists to promote and improve educational opportunities for students in Illinois. Affiliate members may not vote nor hold office.  
**Affiliate Membership Dues: \$130**
  - Retired Membership:** Includes reduced conference registration fees and fall, winter, and spring newsletters. Membership is open to all retired IAASE members. Retired members may vote and may hold office.  
*(For clarification, the IAASE executive board has discussed that the intent of this category is for retired members who are no longer working in the field and who are personally paying their membership dues.)*  
**Retired Membership Dues: \$20**
  - Student Membership:** Includes reduced conference registration fees and fall, winter, and spring newsletters. Membership is open to students enrolled in at least nine graduate credit hours towards an initial administration certificate. Documentation is required. Student members may vote but not hold office.  
**Student Membership Dues: \$10**

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### 2017-2018 IAASE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

IAASE Board Meeting &

Annual Business Meeting

Crowne Plaza Springfield

3000 Dirksen Parkway - Springfield, IL

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

Holiday Inn Conference Center

18501 South Harlem Avenue - Tinley Park, IL

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

Illinois Principals Association Building

2940 Baker Drive - Springfield, IL

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

Crowne Plaza Springfield

3000 Dirksen Parkway - Springfield, IL

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

IASA Office

2648 Beechler Court - Springfield, IL

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM



# Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education

**Providing the voice,  
vision, and future of  
special education  
leadership in Illinois**

## 2017- 2018

The Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) is a non-profit Special Education organization for Administrators that promotes educational opportunities for all students with an emphasis on students with disabilities. IAASE's action oriented administrative focus leads the special education field in the areas of policy development, finance, and legislation at the local, state, and national levels.

IAASE is affiliated as a subdivision of the International Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE)