IAASE MISSION
IAASE provides leadership to enhance the field of special education through:

- Impactful advocacy;
- Progressive professional development;
- Effective legislative collaboration;
- Dynamic networking opportunities; and
- Statewide guidance on policy development

In order to improve outcomes for students, families, and schools.

VALUES and BELIEFS

**Integrity:** We will act in a truthful, ethical, and professional manner.

**Accountability:** We accept ownership of performance and commitments through transparent communication.

**Accessibility:** We work to expand access to knowledge and expertise for all stakeholders.

**Stewardship:** We apply our knowledge and expertise in ways that strengthen Special Education in Illinois and demonstrate respect for the dignity and worth of all individuals.

**Engagement:** We provide opportunities for all members to have input in determining the direction and future work of IAASE.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual IAASE membership dues:

Membership dues are renewable at the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1st ending June 30th. Online membership registration is available at www.iaase.org

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

**Professional Membership:**
- Holds an Illinois Professional Educators License with administrator endorsement, and / or
- Has responsibility for supervising special education or pupil service personnel in public, private or state agency, or
- Is a college faculty whose major responsibility is the preparation of educators or administrators of special education / pupil services
- Professional members may vote and hold office
- Professional Membership Dues: $180
- Description: Includes all member benefits including reduced conference registration fee, newsletters and legislative updates.

**School Law Associate Membership:**

Individual Attorney includes any:
- Attorney who currently represents at least one Illinois School District or Special Education Cooperative
- Who does not currently represent parties with special education interests adverse to school districts
- These criteria apply only to the individual attorney and not to the other attorneys in the member’s firm or attorneys with whom the member may be associated
- School Law Associate members may not vote or hold an office
- School Law Membership Dues: $180
- Description: Includes conference registration at Professional Membership rate. Membership provides opportunity to advertise and / or contribute articles in the IAASE newsletter and /or sponsor IAASE social or conference events at additional cost.

**Business Associate Membership:**
- Business, (per individual) or
- Vendor, (per individual) or
- Corporation, (per individual) or
- Private individual marketing a product or service to Illinois education agencies
- Business Associate members may not vote or hold office
- Business Associate Membership Dues: $180
- Description: Includes conference registration at Professional Membership rate. Membership provides opportunity to advertise in the IAASE newsletter and /or sponsor IAASE social or conference events at additional cost.

The Business Associate will be provided information on all Region activities and afforded the opportunity to sponsor activities at events (i.e.: breakfast, lunch, snacks, etc.) in exchange for the opportunity to promote products.

Retiree Membership:
- Was previously an IAASE Professional Member and retired from full-time work and
- May be employed by or contracted with an educational institution or providing products or services to school districts in a part-time capacity
- Retired members may vote and complete a term if in an office prior to retirement. May not hold a new office
- Retiree Membership Dues: $50
- Description: Includes all member benefits including reduced conference registration fee, newsletters and legislative updates.

Aspiring Administrators:
- Member is not in an administrative role
- Enrolled in a graduate program leading to Administrative or Supervisory endorsement
- Aspiring members may vote but not hold office
- Aspiring Membership Dues: $50
- Description: Includes all member benefits including reduced conference registration fee, newsletters and legislative updates.

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 timely information 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 timely information regarding professional development, legal reviews, legislative happenings, and financial affairs.
- 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.

2019-2020 IAASE Conference Locations

**October 17-18, 2019**
Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Conference Center
18501 South Harlem Avenue
Tinley Park, IL
Phone: (708) 444-1100
Guest Room Rate: $125 Single/Double

**February 27-28, 2020**
Crowne Plaza Springfield
3000 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL
Phone: (217) 529-7777
Guest Room Rate: $126 Single/Double
Online conference registration is available at: www.iaase.org
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**2019-2020 IAASE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2019**
IAASE Board Meeting & Annual Business Meeting
Crowne Plaza Springfield
3000 Dirksen Parkway - Springfield, IL
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**
Holiday Inn Conference Center
18501 South Harlem Avenue - Tinley Park, IL
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**Friday, December 6, 2019**
Illinois Principals Association Building
2940 Baker Drive - Springfield, IL
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**
Crowne Plaza Springfield
3000 Dirksen Parkway - Springfield, IL
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**
IASA Office
2648 Beecher Court - Springfield, IL
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

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