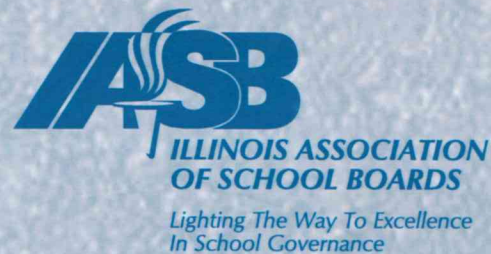


# South Cook Division



Welcome to the South Cook Division for 2013-2014!

August 2013



**Carolyne D. Brooks**, Board President of the West Richland CUSD 2 Board of Education. **Carolyne** is currently serving as **IASB President**. IASB is governed by a 26-member Board of Directors. The Board meets quarterly.



**Karen Fisher**, Board Vice President of the Ottawa THSD 140 Board of Education. **Karen** is currently serving as **IASB Vice President**.



**Joseph Alesandrini**, Board President of the Pekin CHSD 303 Board of Education. **Joseph** is currently the **IASB Immediate Past President**.

## The Mission of the Illinois Association of School Boards is excellence in local school governance in support of quality public education.

1. Boards of Education will possess the means to understand, adopt and sustain effective school district governance.
2. Boards of Education and board members will become advocates for legislation that benefits Illinois school districts.
3. Boards of Education and board members will promote public awareness of the value of public education.
4. Effective school district governance will be enhanced through pro-active, partnering relationships with state and national organizations, associations, and government.

IASB offers a number of services in support of the mission, including:

- Member Services
- Board and Board Member Development
- Staff Consultation
- Policy Services, including Administrative Procedures
- Publications

### Advocacy

- School Management Alliance
- Legislative Communications

Check the Association website at:

<http://www.iasb.com>



**Val Densmore**, Board Member, Country Club Hills SD 160 Board of Education. Each Division has a representative on the IASB Board. **Val** represents the South Cook Division as our **IASB Director**.



**Bill Browne**, Board Vice President, Bremen THSD 228 Board of Education. **Bill** is presently serving as the **Division Chair**.



**Jeffery Cohn** is the IASB staff **Field Services Director** for the South Cook Division. He can be reached at 630/629-3776 x 1215 or [jcohn@iasb.com](mailto:jcohn@iasb.com)

## The South Cook Division

The Primary Purpose of the South Cook Division of IASB is to maintain a voice for Member Boards in the governance of the Association. The 21 Regional Divisions of IASB serve the following additional purposes:

- sponsor Division events which promote board member development and to encourage regional networking among school board members;
- promote knowledge of and participation in the programs and services of the Association;
- help IASB staff in identifying the needs of Boards.

Members of the Executive Committee work with staff member Jeffery Cohn to plan division events and programs. Division leadership is elected every two years. The Executive Committee meets periodically. Members of the South Cook Executive Committee are listed on the reverse. Please contact them if they can serve you in any way.



# A Special Message for New Board Members

Congratulations on your election to the school board and welcome to your association - the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). The IASB is divided into 21 geographical divisions. These divisions have been created for association governance and to facilitate the delivery of services to our members. Each division has a Field Services Director who can serve as an essential link between you and your association.

The South Cook Division publishes this newsletter annually to provide you with information about your division's staff, leadership and events. This newsletter will be published

on the Members Only section of the IASB website, [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com).

Each IASB Division is unique, but they all have one event in common - the division dinner meeting. Each fall and spring the South Cook Division will host an evening educational and networking opportunity for school board members and superintendents. Watch your mail and email for further information or go to [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com) and click on events calendar.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your service on your local school board!

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## South Cook Events

*"Leading the Way to Excellence in School Governance"*

register on-line: [www.iasb.com/reg.htm](http://www.iasb.com/reg.htm)

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013**  
South Cook Fall Division Meeting  
Orland Chateau, Orland Park  
Presentation of IASB Awards

**November 22, 2013**  
Chicago Schools Tour  
Breakfast 8:00 am Tour 8:45  
Advance registration & fee required  
Hyatt Regency Chicago

**November 22-24, 2013**  
IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago

**Saturday, February 1, 2014**  
South Cook Winter Breakfast Meeting  
Lemont THSD 210, Lemont

**April 5-7, 2014**  
NSBA Annual Conference  
New Orleans, LA

**Wednesday, April 30, 2014**  
South Cook Spring Division Meeting  
DoubleTree, Alsip

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014**  
Summer Governing Meeting  
CCSD 168, Sauk Village

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## The South Cook Division Executive Committee

### IASB President

Carolyn Brooks, West Richland CUSD 2

### Immediate Past President:

Joseph Alesandrini, Pekin CHSD 303

### Director:

Val Densmore, Country Club Hills SD 160

### Chair:

Bill Browne, Bremen THSD 228

### Vice Chair:

Timijanel Boyd-Odom, Flossmoor SD 161

### Resolutions Chair:

Juanita Jordan, Prairie Hills ESD 144

### Nominating Chair:

Thomas Martelli, Kirby SD 140

### Directors at Large:

Darlene Gray-Everett, Dolton SD 149

Debra Groark, North Palos SD 117

Valencia Ross, Lincoln ESD 156

Denis Ryan, CCSD #146, Tinley Park

Mike Shackel, Lemont THSD 210

Ernestine Stover, Calumet PSD 132

Pamela Walker, Elem SD 159, Matteson

### IASA Representative:

Craig Gwaltney, Alsip-Hazelgreen-Oaklawn SD 126

### IASB:

Jeffery Cohn, Director, Field Services, 630/629-3776 ext. 1215

PLEASE share your ideas with Executive Committee Members regarding how the Division might more fully meet the needs of both you and your Board of Education. Thank You.

Your IASB contacts Administrative Assistant-Kim Munch, can be reached at 630/629-3776, ext 1221.

Plan to  
attend

**2013 IASB • IASA • IASBO Annual Conference**  
November 22-24, 2013 • Chicago, Illinois