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## ABE LINCOLN DIVISION MEETING

**Speaker: Maryam Brotine,  
Assistant General Counsel, IASB  
Office of General Counsel – Helping Boards  
Navigate the Legal Landscape**

**Breakout Session:  
Briefing for Candidates**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019 • Blue Ridge High School • Farmer City**

### PROGRAM:

#### **Speaker: Office of General Counsel – Helping Boards Navigate the Legal Landscape**

Much of school board work includes legal issues, directly or indirectly, and navigating the legal landscape can be challenging. The IASB Office of General Counsel (OGC) is staffed with three attorneys who advise the Association, draft sample policies and procedures for the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS), and contribute to many IASB programs and publications. Although the OGC does not provide legal advice to school boards, they provide a wealth of legal information and legal resources to IASB members. Join us as Assistant General Counsel Maryam Brotine, armed with both her private sector experience advising school boards and her OGC experience, addresses current legal hot topics within recently released PRESS Issue 100, including targeted school violence prevention and threat assessment, as well as other legal issues looming on the horizon.

**March 5, 2019**

**Blue Ridge High School  
411 North John Street  
Farmer City, IL 61842**

Follow IL Route 54 to Farmer City. Turn north onto John St. and go north for approximately 8 blocks. School will be on the left (west). Park in the circle drive and enter the main entrance, or park in the north side parking lot, and enter the district office doors.

#### **Breakout Session: Briefing for Candidates**

This session is designed to provide **board candidates** with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of an elected school board member and an idea of what to expect if they are successful in the April elections. Boards are encouraged to bring candidates for the whole evening, as the dinner program will be valuable to candidates as well as to current board members. Larry Dirks, Field Services Director, IASB will present this briefing.

**While the briefing is free, online registration and payment of \$25 is required for candidates attending the dinner. Your district superintendent or district secretary must update your district roster to include candidates prior to registration (see REGISTRATION section).**

## AGENDA:

- 5 p.m. Open House & Registration
- 6 p.m. Business Meeting  
Presiding: Chris Gordon, Chair
- Reports of the:*
- Board of Directors: Bill Alexander, Director
  - Resolutions Committee: Amy Reynolds, Resolutions Chair  
Statewide Officer
  - Executive Director: Ben Schwarm, Deputy Executive Director
- Recognition of Delegates from the 2018 Conference Delegate Assembly
- Announcements: Larry J. Dirks, Field Services Director
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Entertainment: Blue Ridge High School Band/Ensemble  
Director: Christopher Mitchell
- 7:15 p.m. Legislative Update: Zach Messersmith, Director,  
Governmental Relations, IASB
- 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Office of General Counsel –  
Helping Boards Navigate the Legal Landscape  
Breakout Session: Briefing for Candidates
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn

## Mark Your Calendar:

- May 30, 2019 – Abe Lincoln Division Governing Committee Meeting, IASB Office,  
Springfield
- October 3, 2019 – Abe Lincoln Division Dinner Meeting, tbd
- November 22-24, 2019 – IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference, Chicago

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## Blue Ridge CUSD 18 Board of Education:

Justin Otto, Board President  
Dale Schneman, Vice President  
Franci Miller, Secretary  
Matthew Althaus  
Kenna Dunlap Johnson  
Curtis Homann  
Dion Lathrom  
Susan Wilson, Superintendent

## Your Abe Lincoln Division Officers:

The following dedicated school board members represent you and serve your Association:

**Bill Alexander**, Director  
New Berlin CUSD 16

**Chris Gordon**, Chair  
New Berlin CUSD 16

**Pam Cuffle**, Vice Chair  
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**Amy Reynolds**, Resolutions Chair  
Rochester CUSD 3A



Larry Dirks  
Field Services  
Director



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## REGISTRATION:

**Event date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**Registration Fee: \$25.00**

All registrations must be completed online. You will be using the IASB database management system to register. Please follow these easy steps:

1. Go to [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com) and click on **MY ACCOUNT**.
2. Log in using your email address and password:
  - If you do not know your password or do not have a password, do not create a new account; use the **forgot password** link.
  - If you are still having difficulty logging in, please contact your district's superintendent or administrative assistant to make sure you are listed on the district roster.
3. Click on Events Calendar tab, find and click on the event title, and continue with your registration.

By participating in this Illinois Association of School Boards (hereinafter IASB) event, you are automatically authorizing IASB and its employees, agents, and assigns to use your name, photograph, voice or other likeness for purposes related to the mission of IASB, including but not limited to publicity, marketing, websites, other electronic forms of media, and promotion of IASB and its various programs.

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If you have any questions, please contact:

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If you need a special meal or arrangements, please note when registering online or call/email the contact listed above.