

Attendance at the Iowa Association of School Boards Annual Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, November 17-18, 2021

Background: The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), an organization dedicated to serving and educating school board members across the state of Iowa, holds their annual convention this year at the Iowa Events Center in Downtown Des Moines on Thursday, November 18, 2021, following the IASB Delegate Assembly and pre-convention on Wednesday, November 17.

The convention held by IASB is an outstanding event which board members have found highly rewarding in prior years.

Details are available on the IASB website: https://www.iasb.org/Main/School_Board_U/Annual_Convention/Convention_Home.aspx

Spouses and family are welcome to attend; however, financial regulations require that family besides the board member pay their own way for additional lodging costs, meals, and miscellaneous expenses.

Board Secretary Thelma Martinez is currently holding in reserve hotel rooms for the Belmond-Klemme Board for the night of Wednesday, November 17.

We request a preliminary projection of who plans to attend.

Note: A school district can pay for board members-elect to attend Annual Convention even though the person won't be seated until the organizational meeting in December. It is an appropriate use of public funds for public purpose to provide educational experiences for newly elected board members. It is not required that the newly elected board member take office at an organizational meeting before the district expends funds for their education.

P.S. The National Association of School Boards holds their annual conference this year in San Diego, April 2 – 4, 2022. I encourage a Board member to attend as a representative of the Belmond-Klemme Board.

NSBA's annual conference will focus on the key issues that are impacting school boards across the country. Attendees can get a national perspective from top-notch speakers, receive updates on federal legislation, and understand the legal implications of recent federal court decisions. Attendees can share experiences and best practices with colleagues from around the country to get new insights, more efficient strategies, and build relationships for the future.