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To Excellence In  
School Governance*

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September 20, 2017

TO: Ed Condon, Superintendent  
River Forest SD 90

FROM: Kathryn Larson, Administrative Assistant, Field Services

RE: **Master School Board Member Award**

Your board member, Ralph Martire, is receiving a Master School Board Member award.

Enclosed is the award, as well as a flyer explaining the IASB award programs. Please recognize the time and effort the board member devotes to self-improvement and leadership activities, and to achieving the Association's mission of excellence in local school governance.

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [klarson@iasb.com](mailto:klarson@iasb.com) or 630-629-3776 x1221.

Please extend our congratulations to Ralph Martire!

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# Recognition Programs

## Board Member

**School Board LeaderShop Academy** — The School Board LeaderShop Academy promotes and recognizes your efforts toward continuous learning and professional development. Credit is achieved by taking LeaderShop designated workshops. To become a LeaderShop Academy Member, complete five credits. To become a LeaderShop Academy Fellow, complete 12 credits. Both LeaderShop Academy levels require completion of the *Basics of Governance* workshop.

LeaderShop Academy Members and Fellows receive special recognition at IASB Fall Division Dinner meetings as well as an invitation to the biennial LeaderShop Academy Symposium.

**Master Board Member** — The Illinois Association of School Boards recognizes board members for the time and effort they devote to IASB leadership activities and service to the public education community. Points are earned by attending division meetings, governing meetings, legislative leadership programs as well as holding positions of leadership within the Association. A designated number of Master Board Member points are assigned to each event, activity or position. Visit “My Account” at the IASB website for point values and your member activity history.

Master Board Members receive special recognition at IASB Fall Division Dinner meetings.

**New members: Take the first step toward LeaderShop Academy membership** by attending a two-day New Board Member Workshop, which includes the *Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT)* and *Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Training for School Board Members, Open Meetings Act Training*, and the *Basics of Governance*. Then follow up by registering for at least one Pre-Conference Workshop at the Joint Annual Conference in November.

**Master Board Member recognition occurs at three levels:**

- Level I: 60-129 points
- Level II: 130-199 points
- Level III: 200+ points – Master Board Member

Maintain your Master Board Member designation by acquiring 40 points each year.

## Board Team

**School Board Governance Recognition** is designed to acknowledge those school boards that have engaged in activities that lead to excellence in local school governance supporting quality public education, the hallmarks of IASB’s vision statement.

All IASB member school boards are invited to apply for this recognition which covers a two-year period. Once this recognition is received, boards may reapply every two years. The application process is rigorous and requires the involvement of board members and the superintendent over the two-year period.

Recipients of this recognition will be acknowledged at their Fall Division Dinner Meeting and in the IASB Information Room at the Joint Annual Conference in November. For more information, see School Board Governance Recognition on the IASB website.