



Indiana Association of Student Councils' Middle Level Division

Division Guide

IASC Structure and Contacts

Information about the IASC's Divisions

The IASC is organized into the following divisions: *Elementary, Middle, High School, Adviser Programming, and Alumni*. Each division has its own Associate Director who oversees the operation of the respective division. Each division has its own Executive Committee, which consists of representatives from each district in the state. The Executive Committees work with the Associate Directors to provide programming and services to member schools in their division. The High School Division is distinct in that both students and adults serve on the committee; whereas, only adults serve on the others.

Overseeing these divisions is the IASC, Inc. State Board. The State Board is made up of the IASC Executive Director, each Division's Associate Director, and elected or appointed representatives from each division. The State Board meets approximately four times per year to consider proposals from each division, decide on policies for the organization, and monitor the fiscal interests of the IASC.

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IASC History

History of the IASC

The Indiana Association of Student Councils has been in existence for over sixty years. The first leader of the IASC was Thomas Sterling, principal of T.C. Howe High School in Indianapolis. Since its inception, there have been 5 executive directors: Don Weeks, principal of Columbia City High School (late 1960's-1978); Larry Stoner, principal of Oak Hill High School (1978-1981); Sandy Hillman, currently assistant principal at Center Grove High School (1981-1998); Kathy Rinsch, current Director of the Knox County Community Foundation (1998-2008) and Rob Zeider, Director of Music at Kouts High School (2008 - present).

Over the years the IASC has grown into a dynamic organization that provides a variety of programs that develop leadership in councils throughout the state. It currently has five divisions: Elementary, Middle School, High School, Adviser Programming, and Alumni, which were created between the years 1993-2003.

Each division has its own Executive Committee, which oversees programming for that level. The first Executive Committee, formed in 1978, consisted of three people—Don Weeks, Gene Haney and Sandy Hillman. Today the Executive committees contain at least 6 representatives, one from each of the 6 geographical districts in Indiana.

Currently, the IASC is an independent organization. In the past it has been closely tied to one of the state principal's organizations, the Indiana Association of Secondary School Principals. From 1981-1991, the IASC operated under the Division of Student Activities of the IASSP. Beginning in 1992 and ending in 2001, our organization operated under the Department of Student Activities of the Indiana Association of School Principals. In 2002, the IASC struck out on its own and became known as the Indiana Association of Student Councils, Inc. (IASC, Inc.).

District Meetings & Socials

Adviser District Meetings

District Meetings are much more informal than district workshops. A typical district meeting might include icebreakers and mixers, information on IASC programs, discussing district issues, and idea sharing. It may be helpful for district directors of all 3 levels to work together to hold informative meetings.

District Socials

District Socials are even more informal than district meetings. These events are primarily for students from IASC District Schools to socialize and share with each other. District Socials may include hayrides and/or bonfires, ice cream socials, bowling, movies, etc.

Honor Council, Scholarships & Awards

IASC Honor Council Program

Any member council may apply to become an IASC Honor Council. Councils that successfully document their activities according to the established guidelines and make submission on or before April 1st of each year will be certified as IASC Honor Councils. Notification is made in April, and Honor Councils are recognized at the ML Division Honor Council Ceremony in May.

The Honor Council Award recognizes councils that 1) Excel in their local council projects; 2) Participate in district and state activities; 3) Provide an opportunity for their members to expand their leadership skills; 4) Readily cooperate with other organizations within their school and within the community; 5) Participate in at least one IASC-sponsored event during the calendar year of application; 6) Are actively involved with the IASC State Project; and 7) Are actively involved with the Riley Kids Caring and Sharing program.

IASC Scholarships

The IASC may award scholarship(s) each year to the IASC's Student Leadership Camp (SLC). The application is available at the IASC website - www.iasc.us.

MS Division Awards

The Middle Level Division sponsors the following awards: Adviser of the Year and Administrator of the Year. Member schools may nominate candidates. Applications are available on the IASC website— www.iasc.us.

Adviser & Student Leader Training

IASC Advisers' Conference

The Annual Advisers' Conference is held in the early fall of each year. This Conference provides the following opportunities to advisers: 1) national caliber keynote speakers, 2) breakout sessions, 3) roundtable discussions, 4) networking opportunities, 5) division level meetings, 6) project planning, 7) training for new advisers and more.

Student Leadership Conference (SLC)

SLC is the IASC's Elementary and Middle Level summer leadership camp. Students actively discover what good leadership encompasses. SLC offers opportunities for student leaders to develop their leadership skills as well as their personal maturity. SLC embodies the basic philosophical belief of the IASC – through the empowerment of student leaders, we instill lifelong leadership skills.

SLC offers students entering grades 5-8 training and experiences that will prepare them for their roles in Student Council and other leadership capacities. Campers have adult supervision 24 hours a day. The S.L.C. staff is composed of dedicated educators and Student Council Advisers.

SLC provides campers with knowledge and confidence and, yes, **FUN!** Students will participate in challenges that develop and enhance team building skills with their councils and small groups. Students will participate in a variety of mini-workshops and breakout sessions.

Topics include: Officer's Training; Project Planning; Team Building; Constitutions / By-Laws; Running meetings; Fund Raising; Problem Solving; Public Speaking and much, much more!

Registration information is available at www.iasc.us.

NASC Star Leaders Conference

NASC Star Leaders Conference & Pre-Trip

The National Association of Student Councils (NASC) sponsors its yearly conference in June of each year. This conference is an opportunity for students and advisers to 1) Meet and network with other leaders from across the U.S. and around the world; 2) Gain new ideas from enlightening speakers and workshops; 3) Participate in a service learning project; and 4) Visit area attractions.

Participants will come away with renewed enthusiasm for student council involvement at their schools and new projects and ideas to implement. In addition, both student and adviser delegates from the United States and other countries will share diverse ideas and lifestyles, thereby developing stronger leadership skills and friendships.

The IASC annually takes a delegation of students and advisers to this conference. In addition to the Conference, the IASC pre-conference tour allows delegates the opportunity to meet and network other Indiana leaders on our way to the Conference.

The IASC application for the NASC Star Leaders Conference and Pre-Trip is available on the IASC website- www.iasc.us in November.

NASC LEAD Conference & RSVP

NASC LEAD Conference

Leadership Experience and Development Conferences (LEAD) are for Student Council leaders and advisers. Energize your leadership by attending one of the weekend LEAD Conferences with leaders and advisers from around the United States. LEAD Conferences offer national-level leadership training in areas such as team building, fundraising, and project planning. Because they are weekend conferences, loss of class time is minimal. Registration information is available on the NASC website - www.nasc.us.

NASC RSVP (Raising Student Voice & Participation)

NASC's RSVP program provides a method for student leaders to engage their peers in working for solutions to the problems they see in their school and community. By providing a process that allows students to expand involvement in school and to become an effective voice for creating visible changes, RSVP is a program with wide-reaching benefits. Not only can students experience increased satisfaction, but also serve as a voice of reason and a catalyst for change in their

schools, communities, and beyond. More information is available on the NASC website - www.nasc.us.

The IASC provides RSVP Training. Contact Rob Zeider - rob.zeider@iasc.us.

NASC Councils of Excellence

NASC National Councils of Excellence Award

The NASC National Councils of Excellence Award provides national recognition for student councils that consistently provide quality leadership activities and service to their schools and communities. The National Council of Excellence is awarded to student councils that meet the minimum number of criteria. The National Gold Council of Excellence is awarded to the student councils that demonstrate the highest levels of leadership and activities as illustrated by the greater number of criteria they meet. More information is available on the NASC website - www.nasc.us.