



Board of Directors Nomination Questions & Answers

How many nominees are there per region?

The Board of Directors consists of one representative from each Iowa Extension and Outreach Administrative Region. We are currently seeking nominations for one open board position in various regions (note that single-county regions may be combined). Our goal is to secure at least 2 nominations per region. Please check with your Iowa Extension Council Association Board Member or Regional Director to determine if your region will need to nominate a candidate this year.

What are the terms?

Directors will serve for a term of three years and may be eligible for re-election to a three-year term at the end of that time.

How many meetings are there?

Board members will meet face-to-face two times a year with additional meetings via Zoom videoconference as they are needed. Sub-committees may also have electronic meetings to conduct business.

What are the other time commitments involved?

Board members will be responsible for visiting with extension councils in their region. This could be individual county visits, a regional meeting of councils, or videoconferences. Some sub-committees require occasional work throughout the year. This work is typically conducted electronically.

How can I find out more about the Iowa Extension Council Association?

Talk with an IECA board member in your region. Check out the IECA website (iaextensioncouncils.org). On the website, you will find links to past minutes, newsletters, annual reports, and other information that will give you a more complete picture of our organization.

What does the IECA Board do?

The Board of Directors serves as a voice for the interests of county extension councils and their

employees. They communicate with extension administration and between extension councils, with the goal of strengthening all local and statewide extension programs.

IECA Board members provide representation on statewide extension committees, suggest or review extension policies, develop resources to assist council members, support legislative initiatives for Extension and Outreach, and explore other ways to assist extension councils and their members.

What are the benefits of being on the IECA Board of Directors?

You can make a difference in ISU Extension and Outreach on a state-wide level. The IECA Board of Directors meets regularly with administrators, providing feedback and sharing ideas from their local councils. You will get to meet other people who are enthusiastic about Extension and Outreach and helping the citizens of the state of Iowa through Extension and Outreach programming.

How do I nominate someone to be on the Board of Directors?

If your council is interested in nominating one of its members to serve on this board, complete a candidate profile and return it to the address at the bottom of the form by the due date. Each council that does not have a member continuing as a current IECA board member is encouraged to submit one candidate profile. If more than one individual is interested in serving, your council will need to determine a selection process within your own county. Nomination forms may be obtained from the IECA website (iaextensioncouncils.org) under the "About Us – Board of Directors" page.

What is the election timeframe?

After nominations are received, all IECA members will be sent information on balloting. Ballots are due in May. Candidates will be notified of the election results shortly thereafter.