



A Year of Growth, Connection, and Gratitude

As another incredible year comes to a close, I want to extend my sincere thanks to the people who make IASPA such a strong and vibrant professional community—our members.

Everything we do as an association begins with one guiding principle: providing what our members need. As school HR continues to evolve, IASPA remains committed to listening, adapting, and growing alongside you. This year brought new programs, expanded learning opportunities, and meaningful connections across Illinois, all driven by your feedback and engagement.

Thank you to the over 100 presenters who shared their expertise through our conferences, summits, Administrator Academies, regional events, and Webinar Wednesdays. Your willingness to support and educate fellow professionals strengthens school HR leadership throughout our state.

Thank you to our IASPA Board, committee members, business partners, and legal partners. Your leadership, support, and countless volunteer hours make it possible for IASPA to continue serving our members at the highest level.

One of our most exciting accomplishments this year was launching the IASPA Mentoring Program, creating new opportunities for connection, growth, and support for HR professionals at every stage of their careers.

We were also thrilled to surpass 700 members this year—a milestone that reflects the strength of our profession and the value of learning, networking, and supporting one another through IASPA.

As we look ahead, please know that we will continue listening, innovating, and evolving to meet the needs of Illinois school HR leaders. Thank you for your membership, your engagement, and your commitment to serving your school communities.

On behalf of the IASPA Board and Staff, thank you for allowing us to serve you through IASPA. We are grateful for your partnership and excited for what lies ahead.

With gratitude,

Dr. Kimberly Chambers
Executive Director



IASPA This Week

MEMBER VOICES

IASPA IS MY GO-TO RESOURCE BECAUSE IT'S LIKE MY VILLAGE —I ALWAYS KNOW I CAN TURN TO IT FOR SUPPORT, ADVICE, AND GUIDANCE. WHETHER IT'S BEST PRACTICES, OR JUST CONNECTING WITH OTHER HR PROFESSIONALS WHO UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF K-12, IASPA IS THERE. IT'S MORE THAN AN ORGANIZATION—IT'S A COMMUNITY THAT I CAN RELY ON.

ANONYMOUS



Why are you an IASPA Member?

Spring Summit - Thank You!



Thanks to the 77 attendees who joined us at our IASPA Spring Summit to discuss legal topics. Each attorney-led presentation was filled with incredibly useful information, and attendees had the opportunity to have questions answered by the panel in the last session.

Thank you again to our attorneys!



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IASPA Summer Celebration!

Join us for the third annual IASPA Membership Appreciation event. Enjoy a Kane County Cougars game from the Super Suite, food and drinks, and the company of your IASPA friends and their families. Your ticket is free with your IASPA membership, and you may register three guests for free using **Promo Code: 2026**. Additional tickets are \$25. Only 200 tickets are available, so register now!

[IASPA Summer Celebration Tickets](#)

Summer Tasks

Are you moving to a new HR position? Let Mel Fisher, our Coordinator of Membership & Partnerships, know so that she can update your district and email address! (mfisher@iaspa.org)

Are you retiring? Retiree membership is only \$25, and you can stay connected to the field.

Are you leaving HR for another role? You can switch your membership to an Affiliated Professional Membership. Stay connected with IASPA and continue to receive support for supervision, evaluation, and the other HR-related tasks in your new role.

Are you looking to hire someone in your HR office, an administrator, or another position? Post on the IASPA Job Board! If you are an IASPA member, the posting is only \$50 for 30 days.

Are you seeking a new position? Check out what's posted now:

[IASPA Job Board](#)

- Data Analytics Manager - Woodland CCSD 50
- Assistant Principal - Troy School District
- Assistant HR Manager - Glenbrook HSD 225
- Associate Dean - Glenbrook HSD 225



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