



New Board Chair Series

ISAS is once again partnering with Mark Crotty for this summer series to help kick off your school year on a positive note. Mark will lead two, two-hour workshops on Zoom for new, incoming Board Chairs at ISAS member schools. Each session will be recorded and shared with all registered participants. Recordings may be viewed until September 30, 2026. See details for each session below

SESSION 1: June 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Central Time

Now I'm the Chair, How Has My Role Changed?

When a trustee becomes the chair, the responsibilities, expectations, and dynamics shift. Reflecting on this reality can help one face whatever challenges may arise.

How Do the Head and I Deepen our Working Relationship?

The chair-head relationship is powerful, and how well it works can influence the culture of not just the board but the entire institution. Establishing some norms and following key principles can strengthen the partnership.

SESSION 2: August 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Central Time

How Do I Maximize the Talent on the Board?

The culture and systems the chair emphasizes both contribute greatly to a board's effectiveness. We'll look at what sets great boards apart and explore some enhanced protocols.

How Should We Handle This?

We'll examine case studies of situations that highlight the role of the board chair. Highlighting key issues will lead to exploration of others.

Your Presenter



Called an “educational ethicist philosopher,” **Mark Crotty** believes in the power and possibility of independent schools. Much of his focus highlights the transformative effect strong leadership can have on a school.

Mark recently became a partner and consultant at Educators Collaborative. There he does search work, workshops on multiple topics, presentations, and coaching.

Prior to that Mark served 6 years as the Executive Director of the Northwest Association of Independent Schools. Among many initiatives during his tenure, NWAIS reinvigorated its extensive professional development programming. Part of this included Mark’s lauded Building Better Boards series.

Mark served as the Head of St. John’s Episcopal School in Dallas from 2010-2019. Before that he held various positions during 20 years at the Greenhill School in Dallas and 7 years at Episcopal School of Acadiana in Lafayette, LA.

He has sat on several local, regional, and national boards. Among them are Independent Schools Association of the Southwest, Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools, International Council for Advancing Independent School Accreditation, and Association of Learning Different Schools