

Organization of the Trustees

The Trustees shall elect an Executive Director from the ranks of previously appointed Trustees who will serve a term of one year who may be reelected following that term. The Executive Director or his appointee shall preside at all meetings of the Trustees. The Trustees may also appoint from their ranks other committee chairmen or officers that may be needed to administer the Fund properly including, but not limited to, a Financial Advisor. Some of these functions may be, but are not limited to; recording secretary, reports clerk, donations or pledge chairman, certificates and awards chairman, etc.

Emeritus Trustee

Trustees serve without remuneration and give freely of their time. Often considerable effort is expended by Trustees so that IDEA functions effectively and efficiently. To recognize the work of Trustees, especially at the end of their tenure, the honorific "Emeritus Trustee" has been proposed. Prior to 2018, the designation "Emeritus" was designated automatically, at the end of a five-year term or more, upon retirement of a Trustee. In 2018, a more formal process seemed warranted.

Proposals:

1. The honorific "Emeritus Trustee" shall be bestowed on a Trustee who honorably fulfills a five-year term of office. (Thus, the designation is automatic.)
2. The honorific "Emeritus Trustee" shall be bestowed on a Trustee who honorably fulfills a five-year term or more by a simple majority affirmative vote by current Trustees. The Executive Director will place a candidate's name in nomination.
3. The ^{title} honorific "Emeritus Trustee" shall be bestowed on a Trustee who honorably fulfills a five-year term or more by a simple majority affirmative vote by current Trustees. The Executive Director will place a candidate's name in nomination. The designation "Emeritus Trustee" for the candidate must then be confirmed by the House of Delegates.

Privileges of an Emeritus Trustee

1. By invitation of the Executive Director, an Emeritus Trustee would be welcome at Trustee meetings. An Emeritus Trustee would have voice but no vote at Trustee meetings.
 2. Access to meeting minutes.
 3. Access to financial reports.
 4. Be assigned a permanent place on the IDEA display board at all Illinois District conventions.
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To be discussed by Trustees at their September meeting.