



IASE National Chair Information

What is a National Chair?

A National Chair of the International Association of Special Education (IASE) is an individual willing to represent the IASE in his or her nation. The role of a National Chair is multi-faceted and includes the following responsibilities.

These include:

- Communicating broadly within his or her nation about the goals, activities, publications, conferences, projects, volunteerism opportunities, journal, newsletter, and website of the IASE.
- Communicating information about inclusive and special education events and projects (e.g., (a) conferences, (b) workshops, (c) volunteerism projects, (d) research projects, (e) publications, and (f) other sharing opportunities) in his or her nation to the IASE membership, through the IASE newsletter, journal, website, conference presentations, and other means.
- Expanding the presence of the IASE in his or her nation by extending membership invitations to join the IASE to people who may be interested, including (but not limited to): (a) teachers, (b) para-educators, (c) individual with disabilities, (d) parents of children and youth with disabilities, (e) scholars and researchers, (f) disability advocates, (g) caregivers, (h) service organization members, (i) government agency members, (j) volunteers, (k) other individuals interested in the care, education, employment, human rights, and self-determination of children, adolescents, and adults with disabilities.
- Communicating with IASE members within his or her nation to encourage attendance at IASE conferences, engagement in IASE projects, contributions to the IASE newsletter, journal, and website, and membership renewal. Communication on a needs basis with the IASE Board to identify possible volunteerism projects.
- Communicating with the IASE Board to identify: (a) national and international themes for education, research, advocacy, service, reform, etc.
- Participating in the work of the IASE Board as an elected Board member, elected or volunteer committee member, conference committee member, volunteer, or as a contributor to the special projects or initiatives of the IASE.
- Building communications links and supporting other connections between educators, advocates, parents, people with disabilities, scholars and researchers, government and non-government agency service providers, volunteers, and other interested in special education - within and between nations.
- Acting as an IASE liaison with neighboring nations, regional partners, or other nations with historical or cultural relationships to their own.



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How does a National Chair function?

The position of a National Chair is entirely voluntary. There is no budget available for the position. However, the IASE will take all reasonable steps to honor and communicate the appointment and subsequent activities of each National Chair by listing them on the IASE website, profiling them in the IASE newsletter, introducing them or announcing their appointment at IASE conferences, and providing honorary certificates of appointment.

All National Chairs must maintain their membership in the IASE during their period of appointment. National Chairs are normally appointed for a period of up to 10 years based on performance reviews conducted every two years.

All affairs of the IASE Board, international meetings and conferences, and international communications are conducted in English. National affairs may be conducted in English or in local languages.

Who can be nominated?

A nominee must be an IASE member with at least two prior years of membership. Nominees must be willing and able to carry out the responsibilities of the role of a National Chair.

How is a National Chair nominated?

To nominate a National Chair, provide the nominee with the National Chair Information packet, complete the National Chair Nominator Form, inform the candidate to complete the Nominee form and submit all the documents to the nominator, and then compile all documents and send to the National Chair Program Co-Coordinator and or IASE President.

Each completed nomination will be submitted to the IASE Board of Directors for consideration. Nominees will be contacted with a decision within three months.

For additional information about the IASE, please visit the IASE website at www.iase.org