

To those interested in serving on ISLA's Board of Directors:

At ISLA's annual meeting in May 2008, three or more seats on the Board are expected to be filled by an election in which all parents, staff and teachers of ISLA are entitled to vote. ISLA's Governance Committee is seeking individuals who wish to serve as Directors on the ISLA Board. The three year term of service will begin July 1, 2008.

ISLA's Mission Statement provides:

International Spanish Language Academy (ISLA), a K-6 Spanish immersion community, empowers the whole child by nurturing the development of personal growth, strong character, academic excellence, and global vision.

Service on ISLA's Board presents a unique opportunity and responsibility for ISLA parents and others to serve this mission by influencing, overseeing and sustaining the continuing operation of ISLA as a public charter school of the highest quality and integrity. By the same token, individuals considering service as directors should understand that this is a working board and that a relatively high level of commitment is needed as ISLA continues to manage its initial start-up phase.

According to ISLA's By-Laws, "Directors shall be selected to bring a variety of interests and expertise to the School and to reflect the community served." Since there are no other specific qualifications for directors, directors may be selected both from the ISLA community and from the community at large. The By-Laws also provide that "each Director shall demonstrate his or her willingness to accept responsibility for governance and his or her availability to participate actively in governance activities."

Under our By-Laws and state law, ISLA Directors owe fiduciary duties of loyalty, care and obedience to the School and its board. The School does carry substantial Directors & Officers liability insurance. The ISLA Board meets regularly once each month, with meetings currently held on the second Tuesday evening of the month. Directors are also expected to serve on various committees and task forces of the Board.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact me or Board Chair Melody Brombacher for additional information. Although a formal closing date for the nomination process has not been set, we anticipate identifying candidates not later than March 30, 2008. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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