

IEA President Al Llorens, 73, passed away Thurs., Sept. 25. Llorens, who spent more than 30 years in the classroom in various cities around the state, had been president for two years. He was an athlete, a coach, a math teacher, a loving husband and a father, among so many other things. He will be greatly missed. [You can read more about him and the legacy he leaves IEA and its members here.](#)

IEA Vice President Karl Goeke has assumed the role of president of the IEA. There will be a special election for the role of interim vice president. Any member in good standing is able to run for the position. The IEA Board of Directors will vote on candidates for that position. Please see below for the official election notice and a link to a form you can print, fill out and return to the IEA president's office, if you choose to run:

ELECTION NOTICE

INTERIM IEA VICE PRESIDENT

An interim vacancy for the IEA Vice President position exists due to the elected Vice President now filling the role of IEA President for the remainder of that position's unexpired term. Pursuant to IEA Bylaws, the interim vacancy for IEA Vice President shall be filled by a weighted majority vote of the total membership of the IEA Board of Directors based upon a weighted vote. Any member in good standing may be a candidate for this position.

All declarations of candidacy must be filed with the IEA President's Office by no later than 5:00 p.m., **Monday, October 20, 2025**. The official nomination of candidates will occur at the IEA-NEA Board of Directors' meeting which begins at 8:00 p.m., on Friday, October 24, 2025.

A secret ballot election among the IEA Board of Directors will be conducted by members of the IEA-NEA Elections Committee on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. at the Anne Davis and Clayton Marquardt Professional Development Center, 3440 Liberty Dr., Springfield, IL 62704.

The position will be effective immediately and continue until such time as the Delegates to the 2026 IEA Representative Assembly elect a person to fill the remainder of the term until July 14, 2026.

[Click here for a candidate declaration form.](#)