



YOUR EXCLUSIVE INVITATION

**To the 4th Biennial
Illinois Association of School Boards
LeaderShop Academy Symposium**

Building Trust Through Transparency

**Saturday
June 12, 2010
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

You are invited...

...to attend the Illinois Association of School Boards' 4th Biennial LeaderShop Academy Symposium. This learning opportunity is designed exclusively for you and board members like you who have committed to continuous improvement and professional development. Academy membership is maintained by attending at least one LeaderShop workshop every two years.

A key benefit to your Academy membership is the opportunity for you and your superintendent to attend this exclusive, high-quality program designed to allow you to hear from thought-provoking speakers, to "go deeper" into timely issues impacting effective governance and leadership, and to network with other board members who appreciate the value of continuous improvement and professional development.

The 2010 Symposium Program: *Building Trust Through Transparency*

Generally, we strive to do our work "in the open." Our communities expect us to be transparent in our operations and decision-making. The press believes its role is to keep us honest in our attempts at openness and to provide a voice for our communities in this matter. So if we're "all on the same page," why is there so much contention around this issue? The 2010 LeaderShop Symposium will ask you to think about transparency, and it will provide you with an opportunity to think and learn more about this important topic with LeaderShop Academy members from across the state.

Keynote Speech:

Building Trust in an Era of Transparency *presented by Jim Nowlan*

Jim Nowlan brings a unique perspective to the topic of governmental transparency. During his keynote address, Nowlan will discuss the importance of transparency in local government and why it is more important today than ever before.

Nowlan considers himself a jack-of-all-trades in government and politics. He is a former Illinois state agency director (on three occasions), member of the Illinois House of Representatives, and counselor to Illinois Republican governors Richard Ogilvie, Jim Thompson and Jim Edgar.

Nowlan publishes *The Stark County News* and *The Chillicothe Independent* community newspapers in central Illinois, and operates a music venue and historic community center in his home village of Toulon. He is also the author of scholarly works and novels about American politics, public management and social change.

Active in public service, Nowlan chaired the Union League Club of Chicago's Constitutional Convention Committee. He is also a member of the boards of the Central Illinois Council of the American Red Cross and the Mikva Challenge Fund, which provides political training for inner-city high school students, primarily in Chicago.

Nowlan, 67, received his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees in political science, with minors in economics, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Panel Presentation:

Perceptions on Transparency

Presented by **Merry Rhoades**, Attorney, Tueth, Keeney, Cooper,
Mohan & Jackstadt P.C.

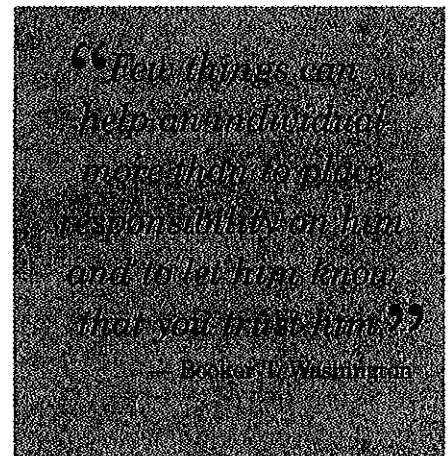
Cara Smith, Public Access Counselor,
Office of the IL Attorney General

Moderated by **Melinda Selbee**, General Counsel, IASB

Two examples of transparency legislation are the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. While both laws promote openness in government, they come with implementation challenges for public school districts. How to protect privacy interests? How to retain the ability to brainstorm? How to comply with new requirements while continuing their core purpose - educating Illinois school children? Hear different perspectives from major stakeholders about these laws and their recent amendments.

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. **Building Trust in an Era of Transparency**
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Perceptions on Transparency – Panel**
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. **Practicing Transparency –
Small Group Activity**
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. **Transparency Wrap-Up**
- 3 p.m. Adjournment



The Symposium Location: The Westin Lombard

The Shops on Butterfield at Yorktown Center

70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL

The Westin Yorktown Center is located in the heart of the Lombard/Oak Brook business and shopping corridor, blending "downtown style and sophistication with the convenience of a full-service hotel." The hotel features the famous Harry Caray's restaurant and Harry Caray's concept restaurant, Holy Mackerel, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. www.westin.com/lombard

The Shops on Butterfield at Yorktown Center introduces a sophisticated, outdoor shopping atmosphere to this already fantastic retail destination. Some of the finest shopping and dining is available to our guests in an upscale, open-air environment. All of this is complimented by the four-star, 500-room Westin Hotel and Convention Center. www.yorktowncenter.com

**LeaderShop Academy Symposium
Registration Form**

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This form may be used for individual or group registrations.

School District Name/No.: _____

County: _____


Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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Registrant Names:

Total Registrations: _____ registration(s) at \$195 per person

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Signature: _____

Mail or Fax your registration to:

IASB Registrar, 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703-5929
FAX: 217/528-2831

Dress is business casual.



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Overnight lodging is not included in the workshop tuition. To arrange lodging at the host hotel for the Symposium, call the hotel at 888/627-9031 and indicate that you are attending the IASB workshop. A block of rooms has been set aside at the workshop location. Room Rate: Single/Double \$100

Registration and Tuition

Tuition is \$195 per person, which includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

Advance registration is required. Registration must be received two days prior to the symposium. Mail or fax your registration form with payment information to:

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Cancellation with refund will be accepted until noon Thursday, June 10 by calling IASB at 217/528-9688 or 630/629-3776, Extension 1103.

Registration Confirmation and Directions:

Registrants will receive written confirmation along with driving directions approximately one week prior to the workshop.

