

# IHSPA ADVISER/STUDENT OFFICER INFORMATION

Any member of the IHSPA may apply to serve as an officer on the Executive Board. The Board serves the membership through activities beneficial to scholastic journalism. The term of office is one year (fall convention to fall convention) with the membership voting on this year's candidates during the Adviser Business Meeting on Oct. 23, 2009.

**A NOMINATING** committee will present a slate of officers at the fall convention based on applications received. If slated, members of the current Board move up to the next position while new officers round-out positions and responsibilities. Officers meet four times a year, usually at Shirk Hall on the Franklin College campus. Attendance is *extremely* important.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE** for a position on the Board, an adviser must teach journalism or be involved with student publications at an IHSPA member school. Each member school may nominate one candidate for the adviser board.

There are two ways to serve as an officer on the adviser board:

**Officer Track:** The officer track is a five-year commitment that begins with secretary and follows a line of suc-

cession that includes: Vice President of Student Activities, President -Elect, President, and Past President.

**At-Large:** The At-Large position is a one-year term. The At-Large officers also attend board meetings and participate in IHSPA activities and projects.

**STUDENT WHO** wish to contribute to Indiana scholastic journalism are encouraged to apply to be officers of the student division of the IHSPA Executive Board. Student officers attend Board meetings, participate in program and convention planning, oversee student entertainment and conduct the student meeting during the convention.

To be eligible, a student must be a member in good standing of a student publications staff at an IHSPA member school. Each member school may nominate one candidate. Students in grades 10-12 may run for the Board.

Since a primary activity of the student officers is to help plan the next year's convention, any senior who runs must make a commitment to be available and involved in the next year's convention.

**TO APPLY,** complete the student officer application form below and send it along with an adviser's letter of

recommendation and a 100-word essay explaining your qualifications and reasons for seeking the position.

The application deadline is Sept. 15, 2009.

Each publication and other school medium shall select one person to act as a voting delegate at the convention. These students will meet at the Student Business Meeting on Oct. 23, 2009 to elect their officers. The student division will have five officers who may vote at IHSPA Executive Board meetings.

**THE FIVE** candidates receiving the most votes from the student association membership at the state convention in October will serve on the Board. The organization of officers on the student board will be at the discretion of the five-member board.

Student officers must remain members in good standing of a publications staff at an IHSPA member school. They must attend at least 50 percent of the total meetings of the Executive Board and/or Student Board.

New board members will be announced at the end of the business meeting. New board members will serve terms from October 2009 to October 2010.

## IHSPA ADVISER/STUDENT OFFICER APPLICATION

Available on the Web at: <http://ihspa.franklincollege.edu/>  
Postmark Deadline: Sept. 15, 2009

- Adult Officer Application  
 Student Officer Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Application Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Remember to explain your qualifications, goals and reasons for applying in an attached 100-word essay. Make sure to check the appropriate box above to indicate if you are running as an adviser or student. Advisers, please specify if you are running for the officer track or an at-large position. Remember, being an officer is a commitment to the IHSPA.

Send completed applications to: **Diana Hadley**  
**Officer Application / IHSPA**  
**Shirk Hall / Franklin College**  
**101 Branigin Boulevard**  
**Franklin, IN 46131**

Questions? Call 1-800-852-0232  
Or: 317-738-8199