



Board of Directors Job Description

Summary

The Institute for Humane Education (IHE) was founded in 1996 and trains educators through its online master's degree and graduate certificate programs, offered through an affiliation with Valparaiso University. IHE also provides professional development courses, award-winning resources, and workshops to help educators to incorporate global ethical and sustainability issues into schools and education programs across the globe. IHE co-founder and president Zoe Weil's acclaimed TEDx talk "[The World Becomes What You Teach](#)" provides the vision behind the organization's work. IHE has a highly engaged and professional board consisting of members who bring a broad range of skills and perspectives with a shared passion for the interconnected issues that comprise humane education: human rights, environmental sustainability, animal protection and transformational change in education, and a commitment to IHE's vision to educate people of all ages to be solutionaries, who:

- know, care about, and take responsibility for what is happening on our planet, to other people, to other species, and to the ecosystems that sustain us all;
- can identify systems that are unjust, inhumane, and unsustainable;
- use their skills and knowledge to develop practical, effective, and visionary solutions to the challenges we face today.

Board members are expected to serve on committees and attend 4-6 meetings per year; two in person in Maine and the rest via video conference. The board is currently in the midst of developing its five-year strategic plan. Board members can live anywhere in the U.S. There is no reimbursement for travel.

Qualifications

The IHE board is currently seeking board members with expertise in one of more of these areas:

- Fundraising (with a network of donors)
- Nonprofit financial management/accounting/planning
- Attorney
- Education (teacher/admin/policy/curriculum dev)
- Must be a strategic thinker and have prior experience serving on nonprofit boards.

Benefits

One of the in-person meetings is in June in Maine at the base of Acadia National Park at IHE's campus (30 acres on the ocean) and dorm accommodations are free. Send letter of inquiry/interest and resume to the board chair at boardchair@humaneeducation.org and copy executive director Sarah Speare at sarah@humaneeducation.org.