

KEY CLUB®

Illinois-Eastern Iowa District

Q. Why run for a District Office position?

A. If you want to learn more about Key Club, gain valuable experience, and meet new friends, you're on the right track! Serving on the I-I District Board will immerse you in Key Club as you help make decisions for Fall Leadership Rallies and District Convention. Your main job as a member of the District Board is to maintain integrity and leadership qualities while bettering the mighty I-I District.

Q. What positions are there? How do I run for the office I want?

A. There are TONS of different offices you can run for on the District Board. Let's take a look at them more specifically:

***Lieutenant Governor-** Each division has a Lieutenant Governor (LTG). This person is responsible for assisting the clubs of their Division. Their job is to bring information from the District and International levels of Key Club to their clubs. As LTG, you would attend three Board meetings a year (5 counting District Conventions), publish a monthly newsletter, and submit monthly reports. LTGs are installed on the Sunday of District Convention and hold their office until the next annual District Convention. How do I become Lt. Governor? In late Fall, your current Lieutenant Governor will hold a Divisional Council Meeting at which you have the opportunity to run for LTG. You will give a short speech and two delegates from each club will vote. If you are interested in running for Lieutenant Governor, please contact your Lieutenant Governor. How? Check out ikeyclub.org, look for the Leadership tab.

***Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistical Secretary and Iolian Editor-** Although these offices vary widely, they do have one thing in common...you run for them at District Convention! These five positions are elected by the House of Delegates at District Convention each spring and serve until the next District Convention.

How do I become Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistical Secretary or Iolian Editor? In February, the I-I District website (www.ikeyclub.org) will have all forms necessary for you to fill out to be considered a candidate (this includes the candidate biography and literature that goes into the District Convention program) You will be required to give one speech in front of the entire convention, yield questions in five different caucus rooms a total of two times. Then, on Saturday afternoon of District Convention, the House of Delegates (two voting delegates from each club) will elect the officers for the next year. Note there is an optional 1-minute speech at the House of Delegates.

Want to know more about these very demanding positions? Simply reach out to current Executive Officers holding these positions. Most are in attendance at this very Rally.

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* **District Project Chair, New Club Building and Membership Development Chair, Technology Chair and Key Leader Chair**- These positions are slightly different from the others. While the chairperson is not elected, they are appointed by the District Governor. How do I apply for one of these positions? Shortly after District Convention, the District Governor will send out an application for these positions - you have the opportunity to explain why you would be a good fit. *Note:* You may hold an elected position and an appointed position. Not two elected! (Example: You are District Project Chair AND Club President...that is okay, but make sure you can handle it!).

Please note: All members of the District Board are responsible for attending board meetings and serving on assigned committees.

Q. How can I prepare? Have any tips?

A. HERE ARE OUR TOP 10 TIPS!

1. **Find out as much as you can about the position you want to run for!** Ask the person currently holding it, read their Newsletters, and check out Key Club websites.
2. **Know a LOT about Key Club.** No matter your position, you need to either know the answers to questions or know where to find them. Read up on Key Club on the websites, in the District Guide, and through newsletters.
3. **Get some experience!** Whether serving as Club President or Freshman Representative, a little bit of club experience will not only give you something to pad your resume, but it will more importantly allow you the chance to see what makes a Key Club work.
4. **Attend Key Club functions!** Go to as many events outside of your home club as possible! These could include Divisional Council Meetings (DCMs), interclub meetings with neighboring Key Clubs, District Convention (DCON) in the spring, and International Convention (ICON) in the summer.
5. **Make sure you have support!** It really helps if your parents and home club are on your side. Let them know why this position is important to you.
6. **Practice your public speaking!** Talking in front of people becomes easier if you practice...and we don't just mean your election speeches! Speak every chance you get and you should get more comfortable with it. In fact, try joining the speech team.
7. **Be confident!** You are brave for even wanting to run...don't forget that!
8. **Ask questions!** There are no stupid questions. If you have one, do not be afraid to ask. We would be more than happy to help you. This will help you become more prepared!
9. **Be in it for the right reasons.** Make sure you really understand the position and want to help Key Club before you take on a position. While it's a lot of fun, your position will come with even more work. Be prepared for this.
10. **Have FUN!** Running for office is an experience you will never forget, so make the most of it!

Thank you for attending this forum! On behalf of the I-I District, I sincerely hope you choose to further your involvement in Key Club at a District level. If you've ever any questions, thoughts or concerns, feel free to contact me, I-I Key Club Governor Will Kelley.

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