

IPELRA
Board of Directors
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Dear IPELRA Members,

As many of you know, I recently announced that I will be resigning from my current position as Interim City Manager for the City of DeKalb. This decision comes as my family and I have chosen to relocate to the Nashville, Tennessee area and fulfill our dream of moving to the South. While this is an exciting time for my family, it comes with the disappointment of having to resign from my role as President of the IPELRA Board of Directors.

IPELRA has been an important part of my professional life for many years now. I first joined IPELRA in 2007 and immediately realized the value the association offers. Shortly after joining IPELRA I volunteered to serve as a member of the Training Committee. In 2009, I became an At-Large Member of the Board. Since joining the Board, I have served as the Training Committee Chair, Marketing and Membership Committee Chair and Technology Committee Chair. In recent years, I have held officer positions on the Board, including Assistant Vice President and Vice President. In October 2017, I assumed the role of Board President.

Serving IPELRA in these many roles has further proven to me that this association truly stands out as one of the premier professional associations, not only in our field, but across the public sector. IPELRA's mission is to provide exceptional and valued resources for professional development and advocacy in the field of labor and employee relations for public sector employers. There is no doubt in my mind that we have achieved that mission, and I have the utmost confidence that my successor and the current Board will continue to raise the bar.

Finally, I want to thank my fellow Board members for their professionalism and support. Words cannot express my appreciation for the great opportunities IPELRA has offered. I leave IPELRA having formed amazing relationships with so many great professionals. Collectively, we have provided our members with the best training, resources, networking, and advocacy available in the field of public-sector labor relations. Thank you for allowing me to serve IPELRA and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Patty Hoppenstedt