

## Registration

Register online at [www.isacs.org](http://www.isacs.org)

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations.

#### September hotel accommodations

Please visit [www.isacs.org](http://www.isacs.org) for hotel information near the ISACS office with discounted rates for ISACS members. There are several hotel options to choose from.

#### January hotel accommodations

##### Swissôtel Chicago

323 East Wacker Drive • Chicago, IL

ISACS has secured a discounted rate of \$157/night. To reserve a room, please do so for at least two nights and stay for the heads conference. Please call (312) 565-0565 and request the group code: "ISACS 2016 Heads of School Conference" by Friday, January 8.

#### June hotel accommodations

##### The Chase Park Plaza - Saint Louis

212 N. Kingshighway Blvd. • St. Louis, MO

ISACS will obtain a discounted room rate and provide participants with reservation information.

*Directions and parking for hotels and meeting locations are available at [www.isacs.org](http://www.isacs.org)*

### FEE

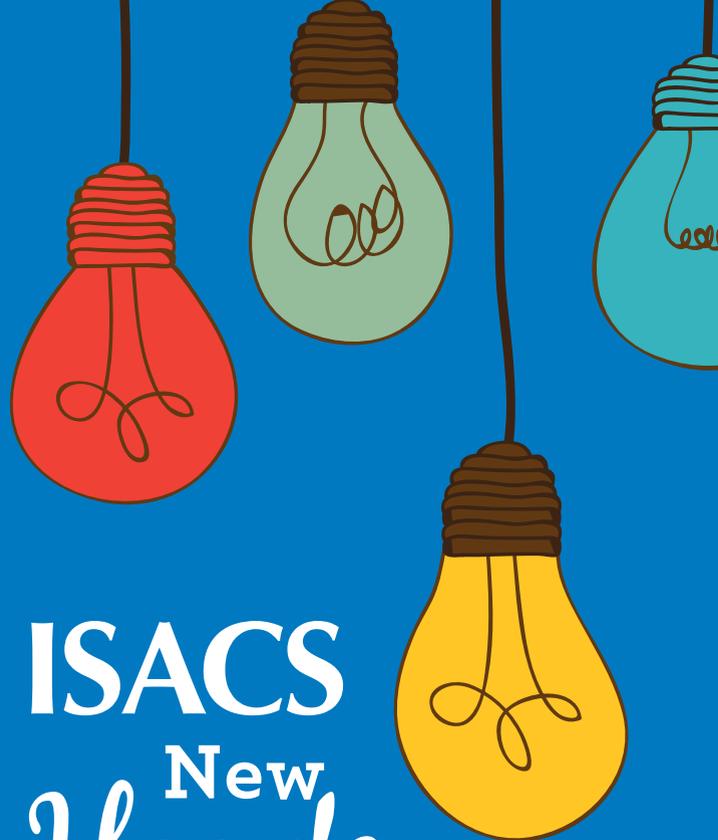
- \$1,500 for September, January and June meetings.
- Fee includes:
  - programming: 9/18, 1/27 and 6/13-14;
  - breakfast and lunch: 9/18;
  - reception and dinner: 1/27; and
  - two breakfasts/two lunches/one dinner: 6/13-14.

As part of the NHN, ISACS strongly encourages new heads to attend the ISACS annual heads of school conference in Chicago, January 28 - January 29. New heads enrolled in the NHN will pay a \$300 registration fee instead of the \$600 fee for the heads conference. (New heads must register for the heads conference separately. ISACS will provide a coupon code for the discount when heads conference registration opens in the fall.)

**Financial assistance is available for small schools; contact the ISACS office for more information.**

**Visit [www.isacs.org](http://www.isacs.org) for the cancellation policy.**

*Questions? Call 312.750.1190*



# ISACS New Heads Network

2015 – 2016

*A year-long opportunity and support system for new heads of school*

September 18, 2015 • Chicago

January 27, 2016 • Chicago

June 13 – 14, 2016 • St. Louis



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# Building a foundation for excellence

**Who Should Attend:** Heads of school in their first two years of headship at an ISACS school. Also, experienced heads who are new to an ISACS school have participated and found the program to be beneficial.

**Why Attend:** Being a head of school is never easy, and it is particularly challenging at the start of one's career. The New Heads Network (NHN) will provide content, skills and perspective on the headship as the first (or second) year unfolds. A mentor will be assigned, and there will be opportunities to learn from colleagues and to build relationships with other ISACS heads. The NHN seeks to:

- assist new heads in practicing and learning the craft of heading a school;
- provide a cohort group so new heads can learn with and from one another; and
- be fun! We will laugh with and enjoy one another!

This program is meant to supplement the NAIS Institute for New Heads, not to replace it.

## FACULTY

**Thomas Hoerr**, PhD is head of New City School in St. Louis. He has led schools for 37 years, and has written extensively on grit, leadership, faculty collegiality, and multiple intelligences. He initiated and taught in the Non-Profit Management Program at Washington University in St. Louis. Tom is the author of four books, *School Leadership For The Future* (published by NAIS), *The Art of School Leadership*, *Becoming A Multiple Intelligences School*, and *Fostering Grit: How do I prepare my students for the real world?* (all published by ASCD). Tom writes a monthly column for *Educational Leadership*, "The Principal Connection," has authored more than 100 articles, and has presented at conferences around the world. He also teaches in the principal preparation program at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Tom is stepping down from being head of school at the end of the 2014-15 school year and is looking forward to more time for reading, writing, and sleeping late.

**Claudia Daggett**, MEd joined ISACS as its president In 2014. She began her independent school career as a teacher at The Prairie School and has served in a variety of leadership roles, including 11 years as head of school at Friends Academy in Massachusetts. Following her departure from headship in 2006, Claudia served as executive director of the Elementary School Heads Association and independent consultant with Gregory Floyd & Associates. She has been a frequent presenter at national and regional conferences on the topic of independent school leadership.

Claudia and Tom will provide experienced advice throughout the year while the group provides the beginnings of the peer network important to every head.

## BENEFITS TO THE SCHOOL

New heads face common problems, such as building relationships with administrative teams, the board, faculty, parents and students. Meeting with each other three times during the year—under the guidance of two experienced heads—can help avoid pitfalls and enhance the chances of a strong first year and beyond.

## MENTORING COMPONENT

Each new head will be paired with an experienced ISACS head. Mentoring opportunities will be provided during the year through telephone calls, emails, and in-person opportunities at the January annual heads conference in Chicago.

## Program Outline

The program will span the course of one year and will provide three opportunities for new heads to come together from September through June.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

ISACS Classroom • Chicago, IL

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

- How to survive your first year
- Working with your board

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016

Swissôtel Chicago • Chicago, IL

Time: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

- Reception and dinner with mentors on the eve of the start of the heads conference

### MONDAY, JUNE 13 – TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016

New City School • St. Louis, MO

Time: 9:30 AM start on June 13 and

1:00 PM end on June 14

- Sharing of first year experiences among the group
- Sessions on the headship, development and board relations
- Planning for the future