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Stacy Hansen Selected as IHSSA Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the Iowa High School Speech Association (IHSSA) has selected Stacy Hansen as the organization's next executive director. Hansen succeeds Craig Ihnen, who is retiring on June 30.

"We're extremely pleased that Stacy will be the next leader of the Iowa High School Speech Association," said Bill Messerole, President of the IHSSA Board. "Stacy brings a wealth of knowledge about our organization and an abundance of enthusiasm and passion for Speech and Speech education."

Hansen has served as the Director of the West Des Moines Valley High School Speech and Drama department since 2001. Prior to that she was Speech/Drama Director at Clinton High School from 1993-2001. Under her leadership, Valley Speech has received the E. Wayne Cooley Large Group Sweepstakes award 13 times, the most of any school in the history of the IHSSA.

She also served seven years on the IHSSA Board of Directors as the Coach at Large. She has served on the IHSSA Judge Certification Committee, the Large Group All-State Committee and the Coaches Convention Committee.

Hansen earned her Master of Arts in Theatre Directing in 1999 from Roosevelt University, Chicago College of Performing Arts. She attended Iowa State University, earning of Bachelor's degree in Speech Communications/Theatre/English Education in 1992.