

Betsy has been an IAHPERD member for 13 years. She has been teaching physical education at Oskaloosa Middle School for 19 years while also serving as the Oskaloosa High School Head Girls Track Coach for the past 17 years. She represented IAHPERD as our state Middle School PE Teacher of the Year award winner in 2013.

Her professional contributions and service to our association have included serving as the Webmaster since 2013. That service alone is extremely significant and I asked Betsy how and why she got involved. She said,

*"It was at the 2013 convention when I was sitting in a meeting and the talk turned to the website and how it needed to be updated. I thought... "I could help with that". There were many challenges to make the updates happen. I learned about website creation along with all of the other tech and apps that need to make a website run smoothly."*

What Betsy took on was extensive reconstruction and as our organization was going through some reorganization so was our website. Our website is there to preserve our past, inform the present, and inspire our future. That is a big task.

*One of our members commented...*

*"I am truly amazed with Betsy's ability to respond to a website request in such a quick manner. Often, I send a email asking for something to be changed or added to the website and by the time I send it and go check the site she already has the changes done. "She is definitely one of the "behind the scenes" people that makes this association run and we couldn't do it without her!"*

When our convention was held at William Penn College in Oskaloosa in 2015, she was once again behind the scenes willing to lend a helping hand to our convention manager, presidents, William Penn staff, and convention attendees. Betsy also serves our association by offering her classroom as an observation and learning experience site to college students who will be our future educators.

Here is another supporting statement from one of our members....

*"I have seen first hand the amount of excitement Betsy has for our profession. She presents great material at conventions to share her wealth of knowledge with IAHPERD membership. IAHPERD is lucky to have her, not only a member, but as someone who strives to impact others in a positive way while serving our association."*

Betsy's words of advice are...

*"The field of physical education needs to continue to move forward and making connections with other fantastic educators is the first way to make this happen. I've met so many awesome people over the years and now have made many new friendships. My advice would be that if you feel like you can help IAHPERD in some way, do it!"*