

## For more information about the ISCA conference or membership



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## Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved for ISCA conference attendees at the Boston Park Plaza at the discounted rate of \$299/ night (plus tax). Reservations can be made by calling the Boston Park Plaza directly at 617-379-7129 and asking for the Independent School Chairpersons Association room block.

Boston Park Plaza Hotel  
50 Park Plaza at Arlington Street  
Boston, MA

## Conference Location

The ISCA conference will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of 100 High Street office building which is conveniently located near South Station. Public parking is available at the 100 High Street garage.



# ISCA

Independent School Chairpersons Association  
Powering the Governance Network

Fall Conference and Annual Meeting  
October 24 - 25, 2018  
Boston, Massachusetts

# Overview

## Wednesday, October 24th

- 3:30 - 5:30 ISCA Board Meeting  
Kingsley Montessori School
- 6:00 - 9:00 ISCA Member Reception  
Boston Park Plaza Hotel

## Thursday, October 25th 100 High Street

- 8:00 – 8:45 Networking Breakfast
- 8:45 – 10:15 Great Governance in Complex Times: The Board Chair's Adaptive Work  
*Cathy Trower, Ph.D, Trower & Trower, Inc.*
- 10:15 – 10:25 Break
- 10:25 – 11:55 Succession Planning for a High Performing Organization  
*Jerry Larson, Ed.D, Educational Directions*
- 11:55 – 12:45 Lunch and Annual Membership Meeting
- 12:45 – 1:45 So A Campaign May Be in Your Future...What You Need to Do and What You Need to Avoid  
*Brian Nevins, CCS Fundraising*
- 1:45 – 2:00 Break
- 2:00 – 3:30 Transgender and Gender Diversity Issues in Independent Schools  
*Ren Massey, Ph.D, Psychologist*
- 3:30 – 3:55 Board Chair Open Forum
- 3:55 – 4:00 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

# Program Details

## Great Governance in Complex Times: The Board Chair's Adaptive Work

*The issues facing schools today are complex - school culture, affordability, safety, etc. Because there is no 'right' or 'simple' answer to these issues, boards need to act as partners in leadership with the Head of School and senior team as they frame issues, explore possible solutions and make difficult decisions with many unknowns. This session will illuminate what is required of the Board Chair who plays an important role as confidante to the Head and first among equals with the board as they navigate uncharted terrain and sometimes, whitewater.*

## Succession Planning for a High Performing Organization

*Transitions in leadership of Heads and Board Chairs are pivotal events in any school. This session will explore why and how the healthiest schools manage transitions well. Why is succession planning important for an effective Board of Trustees? When should succession planning occur? How does it influence governance and leadership? What should succession planning look like for your school?*

## So A Campaign May Be In Your Future...What You Need to Do and What You Need to Avoid

*Conducting fundraising campaigns is a major commitment of time and resources by the school and board; there is a lot at stake in getting it right. Brian will cite data and share lessons learned from the best campaigns, and those not in that category, to help you to launch a successful campaign at your school.*

## Transgender and Gender Diversity Issues in Independent Schools

*Independent schools enhance their students' preparedness for the changes in the world by addressing gender issues in their school now. The prevalence of trans/gender diverse students and how trans/gender diversity issues can be considered in school policies, facilities, and curricula will be discussed.*