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President  
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Chris Bern, a veteran Knoxville High School math teacher, was elected president of the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) in April of 2008 by the delegates who attended the Association's annual meeting in Ames.

Bern began his career teaching junior high math in Woodbine. He moved to Knoxville in 1988 where he has taught at the high school, alternative high school, and middle school levels over the years. Bern has also been an Association activist throughout his career — first as president and chief negotiator in Woodbine and then in Knoxville where he has held virtually every leadership position including two, two-year terms as president.

A member of the ISEA Executive Board since 2002, Bern spent 11 years on the ISEA Resolutions and New Business Committee and served as its chairperson. In addition, he has been a member of the ISEA-PAC Central Committee since 1994 and has been involved in several political campaigns. On the national level, Bern has been a member of the National Education Association (NEA) Resolutions Committee for the past six years and he is a certified trainer for the NEA's program on school safety and anti-harassment issues. He served for two years as ISEA vice president.

Bern graduated in 1977 from Buena Vista College in Storm Lake with a degree in mathematics. He is on a leave of absence from his teaching duties to serve a two-year term which began on June 14.

The ISEA is a professional association made up of nearly 33,000 educators who are dedicated to supporting and protecting a quality public education for all Iowa students. Great Education. It's an Iowa Basic!

