

ISTE Board Nominations Open

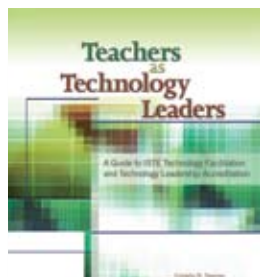


Nominations for the 2007 ISTE board election will open mid-December. ISTE members can take this opportunity to nominate outstanding ed tech leaders to serve on the Board of Directors. The Nominations & Appointments Committee seeks to fill the following positions:

- International Representative
- PK–12 School Representative
- State Technology Director Representative
- At-Large Representative
- Computer Science Representative

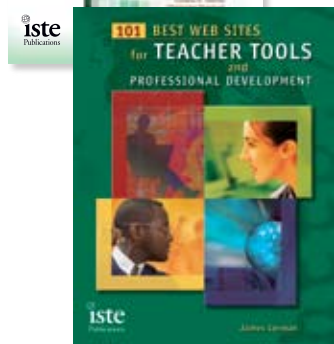
Terms of office are two years and begin in June 2007. To learn more or to nominate a candidate, visit <http://www.iste.org/elections>.

Two New Books Hit ISTE Shelves



Teachers as Technology Leaders: A Guide to ISTE Technology Facilitation and Technology Leadership Accreditation and *101 Best Web Sites for Teacher Tools and Professional Development* are available this month.

The *Technology Facilitation* book is designed to walk college of education faculty and administrators in technology facilitation and leadership programs through the NCATE accreditation process. The authors provide a comprehensive introduction to the ISTE/NCATE accreditation process; detailed definitions and applications of each of the Technology Facilitation and Technology Leadership performance assessment standards; and sample report documents, data tables, and scoring rubrics.



With help from Web expert James Lerman, readers of the *101 Best Web Sites for Teachers* book can discover the choicest sites for classroom tools and professional development. The book includes detailed site descriptions and highlights for teachers plus a primer on RSS and Web 2.0 technologies.

Visit <http://www.iste.org/store> for book excerpts, tables of contents, and more.

Keeping Schools SAFE

ISTE in collaboration with *eSchool News* is launching a new online resource called the SAFE Center. The School Actions for Emergencies (SAFE) Web site is being designed to help educators prepare for physical and IT security threats and emergencies, such as hurricanes, terrorist threats, and school shootings. Schools will have unlimited, free access to the site to help them prepare for these and other emergencies.

“The SAFE Center will provide the education community with informative and useful resources should an emergency occur. These resources will provide an opportunity for us to be proactive, rather than reactive,” said Mila M. Fuller, ISTE’s Director of Strategic Initiatives.

The site will include a searchable list of threats and emergencies, with links to emergency-specific:

- guidelines and resource materials
- news and information relevant to the most recent or most memorable examples of each key emergency type
- guidance on general preparedness, safety, and security
- an archive of U.S. school and school system emergency preparedness and disaster planning documents
- a collection of the most comprehensive, useful preparedness plans as selected by a Charter Advisory Board, and
- a gallery of sponsored information about for-fee solutions.

Fuller added, “ISTE is thrilled to be involved in the development and dissemination of resources and solutions that will benefit the whole education community.”

Visit the SAFE Center at <http://www.iste.org/safecenter> after January 8, 2007, or <http://www.eschoolnews.com/safecenter/>. ■