

497—1.1 (23) Board description.

1.1(1) The Iowa public information board is established by Iowa Code chapter 23 and consists of nine members, including a chairperson.

1.1(2) The term “board” shall mean the Iowa public information board.

1.1(3) Board members are appointed by the governor for staggered terms of four years and are subject to confirmation by the senate. No more than three members appointed shall be representatives from the media, including newspapers, and no more than three members appointed shall be representatives of cities, counties, and other political subdivisions of the state.

1.1(4) On an annual basis at the board’s first meeting on or after July 1, the members shall elect a chairperson and vice chair. The board shall also employ a person who shall be an attorney admitted to practice law before the courts of Iowa to serve as the executive director of the board. The chairperson and vice chair may be reelected or elected to a different office. If the chairperson is absent, the vice chair shall act as chairperson.

1.1(5) Vacancies on the board are filled in the same manner as regular appointments. Appointees who fill vacancies serve for the balance of the term.

1.1(6) The board shall meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chairperson.

1.1(7) Five board members constitute a quorum for conducting board business.

1.1(8) The board is available to assist in achieving compliance with open meetings and public records laws in alternative ways. Information is available on the board’s Web site at <https://ipib.iowa.gov/>. The members of governmental bodies and the public may call the board for informal answers to questions during office hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday at (515)725-1781. Written guidance about compliance with the open meetings and public records laws may be provided by advisory opinions (see rules 497—1.2(23) and 497—1.3(23)) or by declaratory orders (see rules 497—3.1(17A) to 497—3.8(17A)). In addition, complaints may be filed alleging violations of open meetings or public records laws under rule 497—2.1(23).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 23.