



IDEA REPORT 2018

In 2018, IDEA Directors approved increasing the number of Professional Growth Scholarship's per year from 4 to 8 at \$100 for each scholarship for district employees to attend training workshops, seminars or classes, or to purchase items to improve their knowledge and productivity to their districts. These scholarships are designed to help offset district employee training expenses for districts. 6 out of 8 available scholarships have been awarded this year. There will be 8 scholarships available again for 2019. If an employee is interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Robbie Taylor or their respective IDEA Division Director. The application form along with the scholarship rules are also posted to IDEA's website.

Each year IDEA provides funding for Division training workshops. 5 Divisions have conducted workshops so far, this year.

Division 1 Division I conducted QuickBooks training & District operations training which was extremely helpfully for a new employee as well as developing ideas for the annual IASCD conference.

Division 3 With the assistance of SWC staff, reviewed recent changes to District reporting requirements as well as reviewing the recently updated & improved IDEA website.

Division 4 Together with Division 6, conducted a joint detailed QuickBooks training. Employees were able to access a current version of a 16 lesson QuickBooks manual. 12 District employees attend representing 16 Districts.

Division 5 Conducted training on the recently updated State Open Meeting Law requirements as well as reviewing potential Grant opportunities. The Division also reviewed the newly updated & improved IDEA website.

Division 6 Together with Division 4, conducted a joint detailed QuickBooks training. Employees were able to access a current version of a 16 lesson QuickBooks manual. 12 District employees attend representing 16 Districts.

IDEA contributed \$450 to each of the 3 youth education events. The State Forestry contest, Idaho Envirothon and the State Soils Evaluation Event and is budgeted each year to provide a financial contribution.

IDEA will continue to update the phone directory and coordinate with employees to take minutes of the Resolution committee and the IASCD Business meetings at their annual conference as well as providing support for poster & speech contests & other requested duties & or assignments.

In closing, the newly updated & improved IDEA website was reviewed with the conference attendees to show the many tools & resources that are posted on the website that both District employees & supervisors alike can benefit from to increase their respective District's operations & efficiency.

The IDEA website address is: www.idahodea.org