

# A new generation of leaders at PDK



**C**urtis Cain, superintendent of the Wentzville (Mo.) School District, is the new chair of PDK International's Board of Directors.

Cain was a PDK Emerging Leader in 2008 and joined the PDK board in 2011. He succeeds Douglas Christensen of Lincoln, Neb., as chair. Christensen remains

on the board as past chair for another two years.

At its last meeting, the PDK board also elected Angela Walmsley of suburban Milwaukee, Wis., as its new vice chair. She will become chair in 2019 after Cain completes two terms in the position. Walmsley is an associate professor of mathematics at Concordia University in Wisconsin.

Cain began his career as a social studies teacher at Dollarway Junior High School in Pine Bluff, Ark. He has a Ph.D. in educational administration and a master's in educational administration, both from Iowa State University. He earned a bachelor of science degree in social science education from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

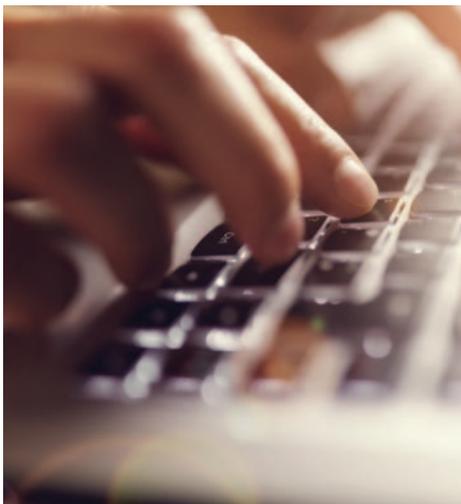
"I've been a Kappan since 1998 when Bill Poston (a former PDK president)

tapped me on the shoulder when I was a graduate student at Iowa State. Membership in PDK forever changed my career arc," Cain said.

"I'm enthused by the bold and purposeful changes that lay ahead for this proud family of associations. None of this would be possible without the contributions and dedication of those who have already done so much for PDK. As we

embrace our past and focus on the future, I have to tell you that I'm excited to work with all of you to continue the excellence that has become synonymous with PDK International."

**L**ike Cain, Walmsley was a PDK Emerging Leader. She was elected to the PDK board in 2014. She has taught middle school and high school mathematics in Ireland and England and has been teaching college-level education courses for the past 15 years. Walmsley has a Ph.D. in mathematics education from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., and a master of education degree from the University of Dublin. She received her bachelor of science degree in mathematics education from the University of Illinois.



## Write for Kappan

*Kappan* editors invite writers to submit manuscripts that we can consider for publication during the 2017-18 school year.

Deadlines have already passed for several of our upcoming issues, but we are still accepting submissions for the following topics:

<b>Community schools</b>	<b>Due Oct. 1</b>
<b>The online lives of children</b>	<b>Due Nov. 1</b>
<b>Beyond teachers and principals</b>	<b>Due Dec. 1</b>
<b>Power and influence in schools and statehouses</b>	<b>Due Jan. 1</b>

More detailed explanations of each theme and submission guidelines are available at [www.kappanonline.org/writers-guidelines](http://www.kappanonline.org/writers-guidelines). In addition, *Kappan* always welcomes manuscripts that share significant work that is outside the scope of our announced themes.



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PDK staff Leslie Mefford and Jim Fogarty, Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, State Rep. Jeff Ellington, PDK CEO Joshua P. Starr, PDK Past President Patricia Williams, and PDK staff Deborah Webb and Albert Chen at an event in Indianapolis recognizing PDK's contributions to the state of Indiana.

## A BIG MOVE FOR PDK

PDK has consolidated its offices into a single membership and executive office in Arlington, Va.

The Bloomington, Ind., office, which had been PDK's primary location since 1954, closed on June 30. Since the majority of PDK's staff now work out of the Virginia office, retaining the Bloomington office no longer made financial sense.

The remaining three Bloomington staff members will continue with the organization as telecommuting employees.

In May, Indiana State Rep. Jeff Ellington recognized PDK's many contributions to the Hoosier state during a ceremony at the state capital.

PDK's new mailing address is: PDK International, P.O. Box 13090, Arlington, VA 22219. The main phone number – 800-766-1156 – remains the same.

## Join the PDK book club

The November selection for the PDK Book Club is *School Climate: Leading with Collective Efficacy* by Peter DeWitt (Corwin, 2017).

DeWitt's book offers leaders practical high-impact strategies to improve school climate, deepen involvement in student learning, and engage a broader family network. In addition to international vignettes focused on community stakeholders and research-based practices, this book features tools such as:

- A leadership growth cycle to help leaders build their self-efficacy;
- A teacher observation cycle centered on building collective efficacy;
- An early warning system to identify potential at-risk students;
- Action steps following each chapter to apply to your own setting; and
- Discussion questions for use in team environments.

For an annual fee of \$39, PDK Book Club members receive three specially selected books published by Corwin Press. Books are mailed in November, March, and July.

To receive the November selection, you must join the book club by the end of October.

Join at <http://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/book-club/>