

NaoAB Biography

Erin Kalkwarf

My name is Erin Kalkwarf, and I graduated from Iowa State University in 2005, and have since been an active member of The Society of the ISU Alumni Band, which was formally organized in 1980. You can find more information about the ISU Alumni Band on our website:

<https://www.isualum.org/s/565/17/interior.aspx?sid=565&gid=1&pgid=2523>

Currently, I serve on the ISU Alumni Band executive board as the Immediate Past President (2019-2021). Previous elected positions:

- President (2017-2019)
- President-elect (2015-2017)
- Treasurer (2014-2015)
- Director-at-large (2012-2014)
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I am interested in this position with the NAOAB because I would love to help new Alumni Bands get started and help current bands do more. I met several of you at the 2019 symposium in Seattle, and felt energized to improve what we do at ISU. I continue to worry that as university and college budgets get cut, Alumni groups might be relied upon more heavily to ensure band programs survive.

Right now, the ISU Alumni Band is addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and we're planning to have a virtual reunion this year. In normal years, we continue to grow in participation numbers, but are finding it increasingly difficult to get enough seating at homecoming now that the football team isn't terrible. We are currently doing a fundraiser for the varsity students to get masks, bell covers, bags, and personal water coolers (\$10,000 raised in the first 24 hours).