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**Mary Jane Cobb  
Executive Director  
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Mary Jane Cobb assumed the position as executive director of the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) in September of 2008.

Cobb came to the ISEA from our parent organization, the National Education Association, where she served as a Campaigns and Elections field representative for the past eight years. Prior to joining the NEA staff, Cobb served as a UniServ Director with the Alabama Education Association. Cobb brings to Iowa a deep understanding of the issues facing educators and public education as well as extensive experience in membership organizing and political action.

She began her career as director of Patient and Community Relations at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Alabama, and later went on to become the director of cooperative education at the Douglas MacArthur State Technical College, also in Opp. In addition, she was a small business owner and community activist.

Cobb received her bachelor's degree in government from Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina, and her master's degree in public administration from Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama. She also attended the Women's Campaign School at Yale University, and she received a Certificate of Organizational Development from the National Training Lab in Bethel, Maine.

The ISEA is a professional association made up of nearly 33,000 educators who are dedicated to promoting and preserving quality public education for all students. Great education. It's an Iowa basic!

