



Mary Lynn Reed Elected to the IDA Board of Trustees

ALEXANDRIA, VA (March 2022) – Mary Lynn Reed was elected a member of the IDA Board of Trustees on March 10, 2022.

“I am pleased to welcome Mary Lynn to our Board of Trustees,” says IDA President Norty Schwartz. “Her expertise and long-standing support to IDA will prove to be invaluable as we advance IDA’s mission in the national security and science policy communities.”

Reed is currently a professor of mathematics at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where she will be completing a three-year term as head of the School of Mathematical Sciences in June 2022. She is also an affiliated faculty with RIT’s ESL Global Cybersecurity Institute.

While new to the board, Reed is not unfamiliar with IDA. Before arriving at RIT, Reed served as the chief of mathematics research at the National Security Agency. In her role, Reed managed the Mathematics Research Group, oversaw the NSA Mathematics Hiring Program and served as the government technical lead overseeing research at the IDA Center for Communications and Computing, including the Centers for Communications Research (CCR) in Princeton, New Jersey, and La Jolla, California and the Center for Computing Sciences in Bowie, Maryland. Reed has also served as a research staff member at IDA CCR-La Jolla.

“I am deeply honored by the trust being placed in me with this election to the IDA Board of Trustees,” says Reed. “I know first-hand how extraordinarily talented the IDA workforce is, and the critical contributions IDA makes to the national security mission.”

In addition to her 19-year career at NSA as both an applied mathematician and a technical leader, Reed has held a variety of other positions, including staff scientist at HNC Software and actuarial analyst at Milliman USA. She has also taught at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Reed also served as an NSA mathematics research liaison at U.S. Special Operations Command.

Reed earned her bachelor’s degree in applied mathematics from the Georgia Institute of Technology, a master’s degree in creative writing from the University of Maryland and a doctoral degree in mathematics from the University of Illinois.

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