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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding NASBE Awards Nominations

The State Board of Education has been asked to submit nominations for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Policy Leader of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award.

Award Information and Entry Procedures are attached. Nominations are due to NASBE by March 30, 2005.

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NASBE POLICY LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Award Information and Entry Procedures

A Purpose

This Award provides an annual opportunity to recognize the contributions to education made by **national state policymakers and education leaders**. It underscores the vital role that creative, committed and enduring leadership plays in improving and sustaining our education system.

Members of the National Association of State Boards of Education may nominate for national recognition a man or woman whose past or current efforts on behalf of education and education reform are deemed to be of outstanding benefit to the quality of American education and shaping of its future. *For this award, we seek to consider nominees (other than members of state boards of education) who have specifically had an impact on education policy and the education system, either in their role as national policymakers and administrators or as citizens who have contributed to the improvement of education through venues such as national commissions, task forces, or other significant boards and organizations.* The purpose of the award and its goal of recognizing the importance of leadership in educational improvement and innovation should be considered in the nomination process. The Policy Leader of the Year Award is presented at our Annual Conference.

B. Nomination Procedure

All NASBE members in good standing are encouraged to submit nominations for review by the Award Selection Committee. Nominations may come from a state board OR from an individual member of that board. The following information on each nominee shall be submitted *prior to* the deadline for acceptance:

- ◆ brief letter of endorsement of nominee by nominator;
- ◆ official nomination form; and
- ◆ completed questions attached to form.

No other materials will be submitted to the Policy Leader of the Year Awards Committee for their review.

C. Award Selection Committee

The winner of this award will be chosen by the current Board of Directors during their June meeting. Should a Board member be from a nominating state, that member will recuse him/herself from voting on this award.

D. Eligibility

A nominee for the Policy Leader of the Year Award shall meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. Have exhibited personal and professional dedication to improving American education through specific national achievements of singular merit within the past three years.
2. Have exemplified throughout his/her career the finest objective, informed, non-partisan leadership on issues within his/her purview.
3. Have demonstrated successful collaboration with other individuals, organizations or agencies in the field of education for effective, mutually beneficial purposes.
4. Have worked consistently to bring greater benefit to the educational experience of all students through achievements reflective of the principal purposes of the Association.

NASBE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Award Information and Entry Procedures

A. Purpose

This Award provides an annual opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions to education that are made by state board of education members from across the country. It highlights the ongoing dedication of men and women who serve selflessly in the education of our nation's youth.

Three Distinguished Service Awards are presented each year at the Annual Conference to current or recently retired members of state boards representing three different NASBE geographic regions. Members of the National Association of State Boards of Education may nominate for national recognition men or women whose past or current efforts on behalf of education are deemed to be outstanding benefit to the quality of American education and shaping of its future.

B. Nomination Procedure

All NASBE members in good standing are encouraged to submit nominations for review by the Award Selection Committee. Nominations may come from a state board OR from an individual member of that board. The following information on each nominee shall be submitted *prior to* the deadline for acceptance:

- ◆brief letter of endorsement of nominee by nominator;
- ◆official nomination form; and
- ◆completed questions attached to form.

No other materials will be submitted to the Distinguished Service Awards Committee for their review.

C. Award Selection Committee

This committee shall be appointed annually by the President of NASBE during the first quarter of the calendar year. It shall consist of five NASBE members. The President-elect of NASBE shall serve on the committee as chairman, but shall not vote except in a tie.

D. Eligibility

A nominee for the Distinguished Service Award shall meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. Have exhibited personal and professional dedication to improving American education through specific state and/or national achievements of singular merit within the past three years.
2. Have exemplified throughout his/her career the finest objective, informed, non-partisan leadership on issues within his/her purview.
3. Have demonstrated successful collaboration with other individuals, organizations or agencies in the field of education for effective, mutually beneficial purposes.
4. Have worked consistently to bring greater benefit to the educational experience of all students through achievements reflective of the principal purposes of the Association.
5. While not a requirement for nomination, service on a National Association for State Boards of Education committee, study group or Board of Directors will be a consideration when choosing Distinguished Service Award winners.

NASBE FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

Award Information and Entry Procedures

A. Purpose

This Award provides an annual opportunity to recognize citizens whose primary work may be outside the realm of education policy and education systems, but whose contributions to education are significant and enduring. It underscores the vital relationship that exists between committed individuals and American education – a relationship that is continually renewed by the ongoing dedication of the men and women we seek to honor. The award is presented at our Annual Conference.

Members of the National Association of State Boards of Education may nominate for national recognition a person or organization whose past or current efforts on behalf of education and education reform are deemed to be of outstanding benefit to the students in our nation's schools, to the people who work in the field of education, and to the quality of American education overall. *For this award, we seek to consider non-traditional nominees, such as individuals or organizations from the fields of business, the arts, entertainment, or sports.* The purpose of the award and its twofold goal of recognizing and strengthening the bond between education and business, civic or political organizations should be considered in the nomination process.

B. Nomination Procedure

All NASBE members in good standing are encouraged to submit nominations for review by the Award Selection Committee. Nominations may come from a state board OR from an individual member of that board. The following information on each nominee shall be submitted *prior to* the deadline for acceptance:

- ◆ brief letter of endorsement of nominee by nominator;
- ◆ official nomination form; and
- ◆ completed questions attached to form.

No other materials will be submitted to the Friend of Education Committee for their review.

C. Award Selection Committee

This committee shall be appointed annually by the President of NASBE during the first quarter of the calendar year. It shall consist of five NASBE members. The President-elect of NASBE shall serve on the committee as chairman, but will only vote in case of a tie.

D. Eligibility

A nominee for the Friend of Education Award shall meet all of the following criteria:

1. Have exhibited personal and professional dedication to improving American education through specific state and/or national achievements of singular merit within the past three years.
2. Have demonstrated successful collaboration with other individuals, organizations or agencies in the field of education for effective, mutually beneficial purposes.
3. Have worked consistently to bring greater benefit to the educational experience of all students through achievements reflective of the principal purposes of the Association.