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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Richard Zeile, NASBE Delegate

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding 2011 NASBE Awards and 2012 Board of Directors Nominations

State Boards of Education have been asked by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) to submit nominations for the 2011 Policy Leader of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award. The communication from NASBE is included as Attachment A. Nominations for the awards are due May 20, 2011.

In addition, State Boards of Education have been asked to submit nominations for 2012 President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Directors. The communication from NASBE is included as Attachment B. Nominations for the Board of Directors are due June 8, 2011.

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MEMO

TO: NASBE State Board Chairs, Members, and Executive Directors
FROM: Marsha McMullin, NASBE Consultant
RE: **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – NASBE 2011 AWARDS**
DATE: March 16, 2011

AWARDS NOMINATIONS

As you know, each year the National Association of State Boards of Education presents three awards to people who have distinguished themselves in the field of education. The awards will be presented at our 2011 Annual Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on October 13-15. *Nominations forms for these three prestigious awards will be sent by separate email to your state board chairman and executive director. Forms will also be available on our website beginning March 30.*

The ***Policy Leader of the Year Award*** provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by policymakers and education leaders who have had an impact on education at a **national** level. This award underscores the vital role that creative, committed, and enduring leadership plays in improving and sustaining our education system. *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 such venues as national commissions, task forces, or other significant boards and organizations.* Past winners include Senator Johnny Isakson, Congressman Ralph Regula, Education Secretary Richard Riley, several governors, Congressman Bill Goodling, former First Lady Barbara Bush, author Jonathan Kozol, Jim Henson, Senator Mark Warner from Virginia, and last year's winner, Army Lt. General Benjamin Freakley.

The ***Distinguished Service Award*** is presented to recognize up to three state board members for exceptional service and leadership rendered on behalf of education. Recipients exemplify personal and professional dedication to improving public education in their states. *For this award, we seek nominees who are current or recently retired state board members whose past or current efforts on behalf of education are deemed to be of outstanding benefit to the quality of American education and the shaping of its future.*

The ***Friend of Education Award*** is given to recognize citizens or organizations whose primary work may be outside the realm of education policy and education systems, but whose contributions to education are significant and enduring. *For this award, we are looking for non-traditional nominees, such as individuals from the fields of business, the arts, entertainment or sports.* Previous winners include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Milken Foundation, Claiborne Deming (AR), Security Benefit of Topeka, Kansas, James Orr (ME), Chad Wick (OH), Robert Marshall (MD), and last year's winner, Lane Beattie, President of the Salt Lake City of Chamber of Commerce.

All members in good standing of NASBE are encouraged to submit nominations for review by the Award Selection Committees. Nominations may come from a state board or from an individual member of a board. It is important that the winners of these prestigious awards be present to accept them at the Annual Conference in Atlanta so we ask that you carefully consider who you would like to nominate and be willing to actively encourage your nominee to attend if he or she is chosen.

Please complete and email, mail or fax the appropriate nomination form, a letter of endorsement, and the completed questions **by May 20, 2011** to the address listed below. No other materials are needed, as only the Nomination Form, endorsement letter, and questions will be submitted for review. These forms have been provided to your State Board Chair and Executive Director; feel free to contact me for more forms, if needed; or you may download the forms from our website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (marsham@nasbe.org) if you have any questions regarding the Awards nominations process. I look forward to hearing from you.

Awards Committee
c/o Marsha McMullin
National Association of State Boards of Education
2121 Crystal Drive, Suite 350
Arlington, VA 22202

From: Marsha McMullin [mailto:marsham@nasbe.org]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 12:35 PM
Subject: Call for Nomination for NASBE 2012 Board of Directors

NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By this email, we are asking for your state's nominations for 2012 President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Area Directors.

In accordance with our Bylaws, the election for President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Directors will take place at the Annual Business Meeting during the Annual Conference in October. States unable to send a delegate to the annual business meeting may vote by mail ballot, to be received at the Association headquarters by September 30 after notifying the Senior Area Director from the Region.

Any additional nominations must be received at the Association headquarters by *August 31* by email, facsimile, or written report. If a candidate withdraws between the close of nominations and the annual business meeting, leaving either one or no candidate for a position, nominations may be made from the floor at the annual business meeting.

The Nominations Committee will consist of seven members: one from each region, elected at the Area Meetings during the Annual Conference; two at-large members elected during the Annual Business Meeting; and the Immediate Past President, who votes only in case of a tie. The committee will meet during the June Board and Committee meetings.

In order to adequately prepare for the Nominations Committee meeting, nominations for the following offices must be received at NASBE headquarters no later than June 8. According to NASBE Bylaws, to be eligible to serve as an Officer or Area Director, an individual shall be a member of a dues-paying state board of education, except that any person actually assuming the office of President shall be eligible to complete normal terms as President and Immediate Past President even though that person's state board term may have expired. All candidates must submit a letter of support from their state board of education to be eligible to run for office and may not be in the final year of a term of service on their state board of education. In addition, to be eligible to be elected as President-elect, the candidate shall have prior NASBE Board of Director service or have served as the chairperson of a study group or the Governmental Affairs Committee.

President-elect - The President-elect shall be nominated and voted on by the general membership at the Annual Business meeting during the Annual Conference and shall take office January 1 of the following year after said election. As a part of the Bylaws changes adopted at the 2002 Annual Business Meeting, the President-elect shall become President following the term as President-elect; and there is no Vice President position.

Secretary-Treasurer - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be nominated and voted on by the general membership at the Annual Business meeting during the Annual Conference. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall take office January 1 following the election. He or she shall serve in that office for a term of

two (2) years or until a successor is qualified. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be eligible to complete the normal term of the office even though that person's state board term may have expired as long as the Secretary-Treasurer maintains membership in the Association in one of the Non-Voting Membership categories defined in Article III (b) of the NASBE bylaws.

Area Director - The Area Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting states of a particular area during the Regional Meetings at the Annual Conference. Area Directors shall serve for two years with staggered terms and may hold the same office for two consecutive terms only.

Nominations should include:

- (1) letter of support from state board of education;
- (2) biographical information on the candidate; and
- (3) a brief statement asserting the candidate's interest in serving (to include any relevant details about beliefs, experience, and issues of importance).

This information can be submitted on the form **(which will be sent to your executive director)** or as an attachment. The Nominations Committee urges you to consider the following criteria in selecting your nominees for the listed offices.

Other Criteria for office:

- * Ability to attend quarterly meetings of the Board (January, March, June and October 2012; NASBE will cover the travel costs to the January and June meetings);
- * Ability to attend the 2012 Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois;
- * NASBE Bylaws indicate that the Nominations Committee shall be sensitive to the need for a wide and well-balanced geographical distribution for the officers of this Association.

You are free to nominate any NASBE member for the offices listed. In this regard, we hope that you will put NASBE nominations on your upcoming board agenda.

The Nominations Committee will meet on June 10, 2011 to interview candidates for the positions of President-elect, Secretary Treasurer, and Area Directors. Please send your nominations to: Lowell Johnson, c/o Nominations Committee, NASBE, 2121 Crystal Drive, Suite 350, Arlington, VA 22202 by June 8, 2011. If you prefer, you can fax the form to NASBE at 703/836-2313, attention: Marsha McMullin. Listed below, you will find a roster of current officers and directors.

2011 NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Allan Taylor, Connecticut

President-elect

Gayle Manchin, West Virginia

Immediate Past President

Lowell Johnson, West Virginia

Secretary Treasurer

Rob Hovis, Ohio

Area Directors

Northeastern:

Terry Whittaker, Delaware

Mary Lord, District of Columbia

Central:

Stan Archie, Missouri

Dave Dennis, Kansas

Southern:

Rosetta Richard, Mississippi

Brenda Gullett, Arkansas

Western:

Jane Goff, Colorado

Carol Murphy, Utah

New Member Representatives:

Kristen McKinley, Ohio

Steven Pound, Maine

NCSBEE President

Steve Meloy, Montana

NCOSEA President

Willie Brown, New Mexico