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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Lupe Ramos-Montigny, NASBE Delegate

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding National Association of State Boards of Education Nominations for Awards and Board of Directors

State Board of Education members have received a communication from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) regarding nominations for the 2016 Board of Directors (Attachment A). This year nominations are being solicited for President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Area Director.

Nominations are also being accepted for awards in the categories of Policy Leader of the Year, Friend of Education, and Distinguished Service (Attachment B).

Nominations for the "David A. Kysilko Award" will also be accepted should members identify an individual who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to NASBE values and serving state boards of education.

State Boards of Education are encouraged to review and discuss nominations which must be submitted to NASBE by June 8, 2015.

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2015 Nominations for Board of Directors

The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2016 Board of Directors. As NASBE moves forward as the only organization supporting and representing state boards of education, this is the opportunity for you to be part of your association's leadership by nominating a colleague or by placing your name in nomination to be President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, or Area Director.

Importance and Authority of the NASBE Board of Directors

NASBE is a membership-directed association, and the NASBE Board of Directors is its member-elected governing body. The Board establishes the association's priorities and as such plays a key role in ensuring state boards have the resources and support needed to be highly effective, deliberative bodies working on behalf of our students and their families. Board of Directors' authorities and responsibilities include the following:

1. Hiring and evaluating NASBE's Executive Director;
2. Establishing the association's strategic plan;
3. Approving the association's budget;
4. Setting priorities for NASBE's services to state boards (e.g., through conferences, study groups, projects, research, and communications);
5. Serving as the voice of state boards in response to education-related events and issues affecting states and the nation as a whole; and
6. Communicating the issues and concerns of state boards and individual state board members to the association's staff, enabling NASBE to continually refine and target its services to members.

Serving on the NASBE Board of Directors is an incredibly important role that benefits your state and other boards across the country, as well as being personally rewarding.

Board of Directors' Positions

1. ***President-elect.*** The President-elect shall be nominated and voted on by the general membership at the annual business meeting during the annual conference. The President-elect takes office beginning January 1, 2016, following election, shall become President following his or her term as President-elect, and succeed to the office of President if that office becomes vacant.

- 2. Area Director.** The Area Directors shall be elected by majority vote of voting states of the particular area during the area 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. Area Directors take office January 1, 2016, following election.
- 3. 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 serves a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016, following election and is eligible to complete the term even if his or her state board term has expired.

Criteria for Office

According to the NASBE Bylaws, the following criteria must be met in order to be eligible to serve as an Officer:

- Each candidate shall be a member of a NASBE dues-paying state board of education;
- At the time of election to office, candidates, including candidates for President-elect, may not be in the final year of a term of service on their state board of education. However, any person actually assuming the office of President may complete normal terms as President and immediate Past-President even if that person's state board term has expired; and
- All candidates must include in their applications a letter of support from their state board of education to be eligible.

Candidates for President-elect must also meet the following criterion:

- The candidate shall have prior service on the NASBE Board of Directors or have served as a chairperson of a study group, the Public Education Positions Committee, or the Governmental Affairs Committee.

The Board of Directors' Policy Manual further specifies that candidates:

- Should have the ability to attend monthly conference calls and face-to-face meetings when scheduled; and
- Should have the ability to attend the annual conference held in October.

NASBE encourages each state board to place the nominations on their respective board agendas.

Nominating Process

In order to be officially nominated and placed on the ballot please send a nominations packet to Sharon Cannon at NASBE either by email (sharon.cannon@nasbe.org) or regular mail to NASBE headquarters by close of business on June 8, 2015.

A complete nominations packet should include the following:

- Letter of support from state board of education;
- Biographical information on the candidate; and
- Brief statement asserting candidate's interest in serving (*to include any relevant details about beliefs, experiences, issues of importance.*)

If a nominated candidate withdraws between the close of nominations and the annual business meeting or area meeting, leaving one candidate or no candidate for the position, nominations may be made from the floor of the business or area meeting.

Balloting

In accordance with the Bylaws:

The election of the President-elect and Secretary-Treasurer is done at the annual business meeting. Balloting for the Area Directors takes place at the annual area meetings. All of these meetings take place during NASBE's annual conference, which this year is being held October 21-24, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland. States that are unable to send a delegate to the meeting will be able to vote electronically. Ballots must be received at the national office by September 30, 2015.

NASBE's 2015 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

President: Mary Lord, District of Columbia

President-elect: Jim McNiece, Kansas

Immediate Past President: Jane Goff, Colorado

Secretary/Treasurer: Kenneth Willard, Kansas

Area Directors

Central: Richard Zeile, Michigan and Rachel Wise, Nebraska

Northeastern: Allan Taylor, Connecticut and Gregory Coverdale, Delaware

Southern: Madhu Sidhu, Maryland and Jay Barth, Arkansas

Western: Samuel Henry, Oregon and Barbara Corry, Utah

Other Members of the Board

New State Board Member Representatives: Brooke Axiotis, Iowa and Gordon Hendry, Indiana

President, National Council of State Education Attorneys (NCOSEA): Thomas A. Mayes, Iowa

President, National Council of State Board of Education Executives (NCSBEE): Donna Johnson, Delaware

NASBE POLICY LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2015

Award Information and Entry Process

“In Recognition of the Paramount Importance of Leadership to the Quality of American Education and the Shaping of Its Future”

A. Purpose

This Award provides an annual opportunity to recognize the contributions to education made by national or 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 (NASBE) 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 NASBE’s Annual Conference.

B. Nomination Process

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 should be submitted *prior to* the deadline for acceptance:

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

No other materials will be considered for review by the Board of Directors.

C. Award Selection Committee

The winner of this award will be chosen by the current Board of Directors.

Eligibility

A nominee for the Policy Leader of the Year Award must 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 NASBE.

Questionnaire:

Please complete the following questions on a separate piece of paper to accompany the official nomination form. (250 words or less per question)

1. Give a brief description of the nominee's professional career (employed and/or volunteer experience including current activities. Resume may also be enclosed.)
2. List other civic and community work, achievements, recognitions, etc.
3. Provide a brief description of national achievements to improve American education within the last three years.
4. Describe the nominee's ability to work effectively and reach specific goals in collaboration with other individuals, organizations, or agencies.
5. Provide examples of the nominee's achievements in non-partisan, objective and informal leadership for public education.
6. List specific education policies that have been instituted or influenced through leadership of the nominee.

Please return this nomination form by e-mail or postal mail, along with the completed questionnaire and letter of endorsement by June 8, 2015 to:

Award Committee
C/O Sharon Cannon
NASBE
333 John Carlyle Street, Suite 530
Alexandria, VA 22314
Email: sharon.cannon@nasbe.org

Note: Materials that are not received by the closing date cannot be considered by the Board of Directors.

NASBE FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD 2015

Award Information and Entry Process

“In Recognition of the Paramount Importance of Leadership to the Quality of American Education and the Shaping of Its Future”

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 the National Association of State Boards of Education’s Annual Conference.

Members of NASBE may nominate 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 the Friend of Education 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 two-fold goal of recognizing and strengthening the bond between education and business, civic or political organizations should be considered in the nomination process.

B. Nomination Process

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 should be submitted *prior to* the deadline for acceptance:

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

No other materials will be considered for review by the Award Committee.

C. Award Selection Committee

This committee is appointed annually by the President of NASBE during the first quarter of the calendar year. It consists of five NASBE members. The NASBE’s President-elect serves on the committee as chairman, but will only vote in case of a tie.

Eligibility

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

4. 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.
5. Have demonstrated successful collaboration with other individuals, organizations, or agencies in the field of education for effective, mutually beneficial purposes.
6. Have worked consistently to bring greater benefit to the educational experience of all students through achievements reflective of the principal purposes of NASBE.

Questionnaire:

Please complete the following questions on a separate piece of paper to accompany the official nomination form. (250 words or less per question)

1. Give a brief description of the nominee's professional career (employed/volunteer) and experience, including current activities.
2. List other civic and community work, achievements, recognitions, etc.
3. Provide a brief description of the nominee's state and/or national programs or other endeavors to improve, benefit and support American education within the last three years.
4. Describe how the nominee's ability to work effectively and reach specific goals in collaboration with other individuals, organizations or agencies has benefitted his/her work on behalf of education.
5. List specific education programs and/or policies that have been instituted or influenced through the leadership and commitment of the nominee.

Please return this nomination form by e-mail or postal mail, along with the completed questionnaire and letter of endorsement by June 8, 2015 to:

Award Committee
C/O Sharon Cannon
NASBE
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Alexandria, VA 22314
Email: sharon.cannon@nasbe.org

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NASBE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2015

Award Information and Entry Process

“In Recognition of the Paramount Importance of Leadership to the Quality of American Education and the Shaping of Its Future”

A. Purpose

The Distinguished Service 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 National Association of State Boards of Education’s Annual Conference to current or recently retired members of state boards representing three different NASBE geographic regions. Members of NASBE 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 Process

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 should be submitted *prior to* the deadline for acceptance:

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

No other materials will be considered for review by the Award Selection Committee.

C. Award Selection Committee

This committee is appointed annually by the President of NASBE during the first quarter of the calendar year. It consists of five NASBE members. The NASBE’s President-elect serves on the committee as chairman, but will only vote in case of a tie.

D. Eligibility

A nominee for the Distinguished Service Award must 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, nonpartisan 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 NASBE.
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.

Questionnaire:

Please complete the following questions on a separate piece of paper to accompany the official nomination form. (250 words or less per question)

1. Give a brief description of the nominee's board career.
2. List individual contributions, achievements, or recognitions resulting from membership on the State Board of Education.
3. List any service on a NASBE study group, committee, or on the Board of Directors.
4. Provide a brief description of other achievements to improve education within the state or nation.
5. List specific education policies that have been instituted or influenced through leadership of the nominee.

Please return this nomination form by e-mail or postal mail, along with the completed questionnaire and letter of endorsement by June 3, 2015 to:

**Award Committee
C/O Sharon Cannon
NASBE
333 John Carlyle Street, Suite 530
Alexandria, VA 22314**

Note: Materials that are not received by the closing date cannot be considered by the Award Committee.