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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2016

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Lupe Ramos-Montigny, NASBE Delegate

SUBJECT: Discussion and Action on National Association of State Boards of Education Bylaws, Public Education Positions and Board of Directors

State Board of Education members have received an electronic communication from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) regarding elections for President-Elect and Central Area Director, as well as proposed amendments to the NASBE Bylaws and the proposed addition of a preamble to NASBE's Public Education Positions. Supporting documentation is attached.

State delegates will be voting during the Annual NASBE Conference in Kansas City, Missouri on October 20-22, 2016. State Boards of Education are encouraged to review and discuss the items that will be voted upon during the NASBE Annual Business meeting.

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National Association of
State Boards of Education

August 22, 2016

To: Member States of the National Association of State Boards of Education
From: Jim McNiece, President

In accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the NASBE Bylaws, I am writing to inform you that the **Delegate Assembly of the National Association of State Boards of Education** will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on October 21 at 9:00 a.m. Central. At this meeting, the Delegates will consider important business for the Association:

- A. They will elect the President-Elect of NASBE for 2017
- B. They will consider proposed amendments to the Bylaws
- C. They will consider additions and changes to NASBE's Public Education Positions.

The Bylaws specify:

Each dues-paying state shall have one vote, which shall be cast by the voting delegate or alternate who has been **certified by the presiding officer of the state board or the board executive**, and each delegate or alternate shall be registered with the Credentials Committee. States unable to send a voting delegate may submit a written ballot to vote on agenda items by mail or electronic transmission to the Association headquarters no later than Wednesday, October 5.

Area Directors will be elected by majority vote of the voting states of a particular area; that election will take place during the Area Meetings held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 during the Annual Conference.

Enclosed you will find:

1) Elections Procedures for NASBE Elections

This document contains details on the elections process, additional nominations, and the selection of voting delegates.

2) Proposed amendments to the Bylaws

This document shows the proposed amendments. Words in ~~strike through~~ are proposed to be deleted from the current bylaws. *Words in italics are proposed to be added.* There are three areas of proposed revisions:

- That Article X, Section 4, Public Education Positions Committee be amended to model the Government Affairs Committee membership, and thus be open to any member who wishes to serve and has their board approval. Additionally, that this section also be amended to permit a

board to appoint a NCOSEA and NCSBEE representatives to serve on this committee if no board member is available to serve, with the proviso that membership on this committee is limited to one person per state. These proposed revisions were requested by the current chair of this committee.

- That Article X, Section 6, Governmental Affairs Committee be amended to permit a board to appoint a NCOSEA and NCSBEE representative to serve on this committee if no board member is available to serve. This proposed revision expands the pool of available membership and allows interested states an opportunity to have representation if no board member is available. This proposal has been discussed with the chair of this committee and has his approval.
- That the titles of the President and President-elect of the Board be changed to Chair and Chair-elect, and that the title of the Executive Director be changed to President. This proposal was recommended so that NASBE's nomenclature for these positions reflects that which is generally used in the business world, and is regarded as a change that will facilitate communication with NASBE's business partners.

3) Proposed additions to NASBE's Public Education Positions

This document is the Pre-Amble to NASBE's list of Public Education Positions, which the Public Education Positions Committee have recommended to introduce NASBE's list of Public Education Positions.

4) Biographical information about the candidates for President-elect and the NASBE Area Directors.

These will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

To enable your state's participation in this important process, designate your state's delegate and alternate. Send your selection to Stephen Prociw at stephen@nasbe.org no later than Wednesday, October 5.

Please study these items, and discuss them with your board prior to the Annual Conference so your delegate can vote in accordance with the wishes of your state. Your board chair has a ballot for your state to submit if you will not have a voting delegate present in Kansas City.

For the Bylaws discussion, a motion will be brought to adopt the revision of the bylaws as-proposed by the Board, in one motion. Any delegate who wishes to have the proposals considered and voted separately, one-by-one, may bring a motion to Consider the Proposal *Seriatim*, and the delegates will then vote on whether to consider the document that way, or adopt it using one motion. Amendments to the proposed amendments will be in-order during consideration, provided that the amendment does not "increase the scope or modification" of the original proposed amendment. (See *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, 11th Edition, pages 594-596, "Amending a Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws.")

The NASBE Board recommends adoption of these revisions to our Bylaws, and considers these changes to be in the best interests of our Association. The NASBE Board also recommends the adoption of the enclosed Pre-Amble to the Public Education Positions document.

Thank you for your participation in setting the direction of NASBE. Our association is stronger because of your involvement.

Elections Procedures for NASBE Elections

The election for President-elect of NASBE will take place at the Annual Business Meeting during the Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri on October 21, 2016. Candidates will be elected by a majority vote of all voting member states (one vote per state by the voting delegate). The following procedures apply:

- If your state will have a voting delegate present in Kansas City for the Annual Business Meeting, you must notify the NASBE office of the name and email address of that individual by no later than Wednesday, October 5 (contact Stephen Prociw at stephenp@nasbe.org with the name of your delegate).
- If your state will not have a delegate at the Annual Business Meeting, you may vote by mail, email, or fax. Here are the steps:
 - First, notify the Senior Area Director (Dr. Richard Zeile <drzeile@juno.com>).
 - Ensure that your ballot reaches NASBE Headquarters by close of business on Wednesday, October 5.

In the absence of a majority vote, voting member states present at the Annual Business Meeting shall vote by secret ballot to decide the outcome of the election. In the event the second vote does not result in the required majority, the NASBE Board of Directors, excluding any candidates in the election in question, will vote through a secret ballot to determine the outcome of the election.

Area Directors will be elected by majority vote of the voting states of a particular area; that election will take place during the Area Meetings held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 during the Annual Conference. Please follow the procedures listed above to designate your states' voting delegate or to vote by mail, email, or fax. In the event of a lack of a majority vote, the voting delegates of an area at the Area Meeting will vote to determine the winning candidate.

Additional nominations for the offices of President-elect may be made by written petition signed by voting delegates of five or more states from two or more regions eligible to vote, provided that such nominations are received at NASBE headquarters by Monday, September 5 by email, facsimile, or written report. Additional nominations for the office of Area Director may be made by written petition signed by the voting delegates of three or more states from the region eligible to vote to be received at headquarters by Monday, September 5.

If between the close of nominations and the Annual Business Meeting a candidate(s) withdrawal leaves either one or no candidate for a position, nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting.

**Bylaws
of the
National Association of State Boards of Education**

Article I.

Name

The name of the Association shall be the National Association of State Boards of Education, Inc. (hereinafter, "NASBE" or "the Association.")

Article II.

Purposes

The National Association of State Boards of Education will:

- A. Be a forum for education policy-makers and for those who influence education policy.
- B. Through its adopted processes, synthesize the themes and ideas which describe effective, student-focused education policy into positions of advocacy or into additional organizational beliefs.
- C. Attract and retain staff members who are highly-qualified to support inquiry and analysis in the areas of concern to education policy-makers. NASBE will further provide forums for staff experts to work with members and other invited participants on important education issues.
- D. Examine the issues and themes of education policy and provide information, comment, or advice to members and to states which desire to examine such issues for their states' policy creation. NASBE will provide expertise in how such policy issues will be affected by states' diverse statutory and governance requirements.
- E. Provide a variety of programs and member services that can be used by state boards and state board members to improve their knowledge of education issues or their skills in being an effective board member and education policy-maker.

Article III.

Membership

Section 1. Voting Members. Any state, the District of Columbia, or any territorial board (hereinafter, "state") having jurisdiction over elementary and secondary education may become an equal voting member of the Association upon payment of required dues. In states not having boards of education, the chief state school officer may become a voting member of the Association upon payment by the state or territory of the required dues.

Section 2. Non-Voting Members. Non-voting members of the Association shall receive all information services of the Association as defined by the Board of Directors; may attend and participate in all meetings and conferences of the Association; and shall be eligible, if appointed,

to serve as voting members of committees and study groups of the Association, with the exception of the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Public Education Positions Committee, and shall not be voting members of the Association as described in Section 1.

A. Associate Members. Associate members are those individuals who are not state board of education members or executive directors to state boards of education and who pay the required dues. In addition, an association or institution interested in the purposes of this Association may, upon approval of the Board of Directors and payment of dues fixed by the Board, become an associate member.

B. Affiliate Members. The National Association of State Boards of Education recognizes two affiliate members: The National Council of State Board of Education Executives (NCSBEE) and The National Council of State Education Attorneys (NCOSEA.) A state board of education executive whose state board is a dues-paying member of the Association is thereby a member of NCSBEE and an affiliate member of NASBE. A state education attorney, who pays dues to NCOSEA, as fixed by the NASBE Board, is thereby a member of NCOSEA and an affiliate member of NASBE.

C. Former State Board Members. Any former member of a state board of education may, upon payment of dues fixed by the Board of Directors, become a member of the Association, and the Board of Directors may establish a Life Membership for former state board members, and fix the dues thereof.

D. Honorary Life Members. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors may confer honorary life membership upon individuals who, by their actions, have demonstrated a high degree of devotion to the purposes of the Association. Association ~~presidents~~ *chairs* will become honorary life members upon completion of their presidency.

Article IV.

Organization

Section 1. Areas. The Association is divided into the following areas:

Central - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

Northeastern - Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virgin Islands.

Southern - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

Western - Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Northern Marianas Islands, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Article V.

Executive Officers

Section 1. Executive Officers and duties. The Executive Officers of the Association shall be a ~~President~~ *Chair*, ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect*, Secretary-Treasurer, and Immediate Past ~~President~~ *Chair*. The Executive Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the

parliamentary authority adopted by the Association, and as directed by the Board and/or the Delegate Assembly. The ~~President~~ *Chair* shall preside at the Annual Meeting and at other meetings, shall be chairman of the Board of Directors, shall appoint committees, and may serve as a non-voting member ex-officio of each committee except the Nominations Committee. The ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect* shall assist the ~~President~~ *Chair*, preside in the ~~President's~~ *Chair's* absence, and succeed to the office of ~~President~~ *Chair* if that office becomes vacant. The Immediate Past ~~President~~ *Chair* shall chair the Nominations Committee and assist the ~~President~~ *Chair* when requested. The Secretary-Treasurer shall chair the Finance and Audit Committee, and be responsible for the custody and accounting of all assets of the Association.

Section 2. Qualifications. All candidates must submit a letter of support from their state board of education, and at the time of election to office may not be in the final year of a term of service on their state board of education. The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote, set aside this limitation when unusual circumstances occur. An officer shall be a member of a dues-paying state board of education, except that any person actually assuming the office of ~~President~~ *Chair* shall be eligible to complete the term as ~~President~~ *Chair* and Immediate Past ~~President~~ *Chair* even though his or her state board term has expired, or the state is no longer a member of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall likewise be eligible to complete the term even if his or her state board term has expired, or the state is no longer a member of the Association. Any person holding office under the above exceptions must maintain individual membership in the Association as a Former State Board Member, but this shall not be construed as to deny such an officer the right to vote in board meetings or board committee meetings. Candidates for ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect* shall have current or prior service on the Board of Directors, or have a demonstrated commitment to the Association by significant service to the Association. No member may hold more than one NASBE office at a time.

Section 3. Nomination. The Nominations Committee shall nominate at least one candidate each year for ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect*, at least one candidate each year for Area Director for each Area, and at least one candidate every second year for Secretary-Treasurer. The Nominations Committee shall solicit recommendations for candidates from the membership. Such recommendations must be received at NASBE headquarters at least 48 hours prior to the meeting of the Nominations Committee. No current member of the Nominations Committee may be nominated as a candidate for an office under this Section. Additional nominations for ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect* and Secretary-Treasurer may be made by written petition signed by voting delegates of at least five states from two or more regions. Additional nominations for Area Director may be made by written petition signed by the voting delegates of three or more states from the Area. Such petitions must be received 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting. If by the time of the Annual Meeting a candidate's withdrawal leaves just one candidate, or no candidate, for an office, then nominations may be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting, or during the Area Meeting in the case of electing Area Directors.

Section 4. Election Procedure. A state unable to send a delegate may send a written ballot, for any or all offices, by mail or electronic transmission to the Association headquarters at least 15 days before the start of the Annual Meeting. The election of Area Directors shall be at the Area

Meeting during the Annual Meeting, by majority vote of the delegates from that Area and any written ballots submitted under the provisions of this Section, above, following the introduction of the nominated candidate(s) by an incumbent Area Director. If no candidate receives a majority vote, the election shall be decided by majority vote of the delegates present and voting by secret ballot. The election of ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect* and Secretary-Treasurer shall be following the report of the Nominations Committee at the Annual Meeting, by majority vote of the delegates and any written ballots submitted under the provisions of this Section, above. If no candidate receives a majority vote, the delegates present and voting shall cast a second secret ballot to decide the election. In the event that this second ballot does not result in a majority for any candidate, the Board of Directors, excluding any candidates in the pending election who may also be members of the Board, shall decide the election by secret ballot. A New Member Representative shall be elected annually by majority vote of the members attending the New Member Institute.

Section 5. Term of Office. The ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect* shall take office January 1st following election, and serve one year, becoming ~~President~~ *Chair* January 1st of the following year, and Immediate Past ~~President~~ *Chair* on the following January 1st, for one year, or until a successor is elected. The Secretary-Treasurer shall take office January 1st following election, and serve two years, or until a successor is elected. Area Directors shall take office January 1st following election and serve two years (with staggered terms,) or until a successor is elected. No person may serve as Area Director more than two consecutive two-year terms. The New Member Representative shall take office January 1st following election, and serve two years (with staggered terms,) or until a successor is elected.

Section 6. Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs in an Executive Office, the Board of Directors shall vote to appoint a member who meets the eligibility requirements to complete the term for the vacant office. A ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect* who is so-appointed shall succeed to the offices of ~~President~~ *Chair*, and Immediate Past ~~President~~ *Chair*, in the same manner as if he or she had been elected ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect*.

Section 7. Indemnification. Any officer, employee, agent, or other person serving at the request of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against civil or administrative litigation expenses, judgments, and amounts paid in settlement of civil or administrative actions against any such person, provided that such person acted in good faith and reasonably believed that such actions were in the best interest of the Association, and provided further that such indemnification and the amount of any settlement paid are approved in advance by the majority the Board of Directors, or a court or agency having jurisdiction of the matter. This indemnification shall not include criminal litigation.

Section 8. Removal. An Executive Officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Association's Board of Directors for good cause, following a statement of charges and an opportunity for the Executive Officer to be heard by the Board of Directors. For purposes of this Section, good cause shall be defined as (a) a conviction of a crime involving theft, dishonesty, misconduct by a public official, or moral turpitude; (b) a sanction by a professional licensing body for professional misconduct involving theft, dishonesty, misconduct by a

professional, or moral turpitude; or (c) any conduct reflecting adversely on the Officer's fitness to serve the Association, regardless of whether the conduct resulted in a criminal conviction or professional sanction. A vacancy created by a removal under this Section shall be filled pursuant to Section 6 of this Article.

Article VI.

Board of Directors

Section 1. Board Composition. The Executive Officers, two Area Directors elected by each Area, and two New Member Representatives, together with the presiding officers of the National Council of State Education Attorneys and the National Council of State Board of Education Executives, shall constitute the Board of Directors for the Association. The presiding officers of NCOSEA and NCSBEE shall be voting members ex-officio of the Board.

Section 2. Duties and Powers. The Board shall have general supervision of the business and welfare of the Association between Annual Meetings; shall appoint ~~an executive director~~ a *President* of the Association to serve at the Board's pleasure, and fix the compensation thereof; shall adopt an annual budget for the Association, and shall in all matters be subject to the directives of the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Meeting. The board shall establish the policies and goals of the Association, and may delegate to the Executive Committee, as appropriate.

Section 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the ~~President~~ *Chair* as the business of the Association may require. The ~~President~~ *Chair* shall convene the board at the written request of four members of the Board. Written notice of Board meetings and a copy of the agenda shall be given by the ~~Executive Director~~ *President* to the members of the Board. A majority of the members of the Board, not counting vacant seats, shall constitute a quorum. A quorum may be achieved through the use of teleconference and/or other appropriate technology, and board members attending by electronic means shall be entitled to debate, vote, and otherwise participate as if they were present. Two absences by a member of the Board which are not excused by a majority vote of the Board will result in the position being declared vacant.

Section 4. Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall vote to appoint a member who meets the eligibility requirements to complete the term for the vacant office. If any member of the Board of Directors shall resign from, or be removed for a reason other than expiration of his or her term from membership on the state board of education, the position on the Board of Directors shall be considered vacated, and the vacancy shall be filled as herein provided.

Section 5. Removal. A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Association's Board of Directors for good cause, following a statement of charges and an opportunity for the Board member to be heard by the Board of Directors. For purposes of this Section, "good cause" shall be defined as (a) a conviction of a crime involving theft, dishonesty, misconduct by a public official, or moral turpitude; (b) a

sanction by a professional licensing body for professional misconduct involving theft, dishonesty, misconduct by a professional, or moral turpitude; or (c) any conduct reflecting adversely on the Board member's fitness to serve the Association, regardless of whether the conduct resulted in a criminal conviction or professional sanction. A vacancy created by a removal under this Section shall be filled pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Article VII. Annual Meeting

Section 1. Time, Place, and Notice. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors, with at least 60 days written notice to all members by the ~~President~~ *Chair*.

Section 2. Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly shall exercise ultimate authority over the Association, and may delegate powers and duties to the Board of Directors, committees, or particular officers of the Association. Each dues-paying state shall have one vote, which shall be cast by the voting delegate or alternate who has been certified by the presiding officer of the state board or the board executive, and each delegate or alternate shall be registered with the Credentials Committee. States unable to send a voting delegate may submit a written ballot to vote on agenda items by mail or electronic transmission to the Association headquarters at least 15 days before the start of the Annual Meeting. Fifteen delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Duties of the Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly shall convene at the Annual Meeting and shall elect officers of the Association; receive and act on reports and recommendations from the Board of Directors, officers, committees, the ~~Executive Director~~ *President* and others; confer honors and recognition to deserving individuals and organizations; and otherwise act to advance the cause of the Association.

Article VIII. Dues

Annual membership dues and method of payment, or any changes thereto, shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Article IX. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year for the Association shall be January 1 through December 31.

Article X. Committees

Section 1. General Provisions for Committees. A majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum for that committee. A quorum may be achieved through the use of teleconference and/or other appropriate technology, and members attending by electronic means shall be entitled to debate, vote, and otherwise participate as if they were present. Except as otherwise noted herein, the terms of members appointed to a committee expire at the end of the fiscal year. When the ~~President~~ *Chair* determines that a vacancy exists on a committee, the ~~President~~ *Chair* may appoint an eligible member to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have four members, namely the ~~President~~ *Chair* ~~who shall be chairmen~~, the ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect*, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Immediate Past ~~President~~ *Chair*. The Executive Committee shall evaluate the ~~Executive Director~~ *President*, perform the routine business of the association and other affairs as delegated by the Board of Directors, and shall report fully to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall have seven members: the Immediate Past ~~President~~ *Chair*, who shall be chairman and vote only in case of a tie; one representative from each Area, and two members elected at-large by the Delegate Assembly during the Annual Meeting. Each Area representative to the Nominations Committee shall be elected at the Area Meeting during the Annual Meeting, and all members must be current members of a state board of education. Priority for appointment to this committee shall be a past Area Director from each Area. Each area will also have an alternate, who shall be recommended by the current Area Directors and appointed by the ~~President~~ *Chair*. The terms of the members are one year, and all members other than the Immediate Past ~~President~~ *Chair* are eligible to serve a maximum of three consecutive years.

Section 4. Public Education Positions Committee. ~~The Public Education Positions Committee shall have nine members, appointed to one year terms, consisting of the four junior Area Directors, the senior New Member Representative, and four additional members appointed by the President, preferably from each Area. The Public Education Positions Committee shall be open to any member who wishes to serve on the Committee and has their board approval. If no board member is available, the board may appoint a member of NCSBEE or NCOSEA from that state. However, membership will be limited to one person per state. The chair of the Committee will shall be appointed from the members of the Committee by the President Chair with Board approval, and must have served previously on the Committee. The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the President from the members of the Committee. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.~~ The Committee shall recommend Public Education Positions to the Delegate Assembly for adoption as Positions of the Association. When a member state's proposed Position or amendment to a Position is adopted by the Committee for recommendation to the Delegate Assembly, the state will be notified within five days. New proposed Positions, and amendments to Positions, which are not adopted by the Committee may be re-submitted by the state for consideration by the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Meeting if presented to Association headquarters not less than 45 days before the Annual Meeting, for distribution to the membership not less than 40 days before the Annual Meeting. The printed Public Education Positions as adopted by the Committee for recommendation to the Delegate Assembly may

record the dissenting votes by state designation and shall provide a section for written minority statements.

Section 5. Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee shall have at least four and not more than seven members: the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be chairman, and additional members appointed to three year terms by the ~~President~~ *Chair* with Board approval. Members may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The Committee shall review the financial condition of the Association, its dues structures, budget, investments, and the manner in which staff have managed the finances of the Association. The Committee shall oversee the Association's annual independent audit, and shall recommend to the Board a proposed budget of the Association for the next fiscal year, and may make other recommendations to the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Business Meeting. The Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors any changes or improvements in the financial management of the Association.

Section 6. Governmental Affairs Committee. The Governmental Affairs Committee shall be open to any member who wishes to serve on the Committee and has their board approval. *If no board member is available, the board may appoint a member of NCSBEE or NCOSEA from that state. However,* membership will be limited to one person per state. The chair of the Committee ~~will shall be appointed from the members of the Committee by the Chair with Board approval, and must have served previously on the Committee.~~ ~~The chair of the Committee will be appointed by the President with Board approval, and must have served previously on the Committee.~~ The committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors, by at least a two-thirds majority, positions on Federal legislation, agency regulations, or other policy issues of national scope.

Section 7. Awards Committee. The Awards Committee shall consist of five NASBE members including the ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect*. The ~~President-elect~~ *Chair-elect* of NASBE shall serve on the committee as chairman, but shall not vote except in a tie. Awards recommended by the Committee shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee shall have at least three but no more than five members, appointed by the ~~President~~ *Chair*. The Committee shall register a voting delegate and alternate from each state to vote at the Annual Business Meeting; shall prepare for the Secretary-Treasurer a final roster of delegates and alternates, by state, prior to the call to order of the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Meeting; and shall resolve, by majority vote, any questions, challenges, or disputes concerning the validity of any delegate or alternate.

Section 9. Ad Hoc Committees. Ad Hoc Committees may be established by the Board of Directors as needed to further the purposes of the Association. The Board shall determine the function, term, number of members, and budget of each committee and the ~~President~~ *Chair* shall appoint the members and the chair. The Board may reserve, at the time the committee is established, the right to ratify the ~~President's~~ *Chair's* appointments.

Section 10. Removal. A member of a committee who is not a member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Association's Board of

Directors for good cause, following a statement of charges and an opportunity for the committee member to be heard by the Board of Directors. For purposes of this Section, “good cause” shall be defined as (a) a conviction of a crime involving theft, dishonesty, misconduct by a public official, or moral turpitude; (b) a sanction by a professional licensing body for professional misconduct involving theft, dishonesty, misconduct by a professional, or moral turpitude; or (c) any conduct reflecting adversely on the committee member’s fitness to serve the Association, regardless of whether the conduct resulted in a criminal conviction or professional sanction. A vacancy created by a removal under this Section shall be filled pursuant to Section 1 of this Article. Removal and replacement of a member of a committee who is also a member of the Board of Directors shall be pursuant to the terms of Article V.

Article XI.

Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. Proposed Amendments from the Board. The Board of Directors will review the bylaws of the Association on an “as-needed” basis. In the event the Board should recommend a bylaws amendment to the membership, the proposed amendment(s) shall be distributed to the Association membership at least 60 days prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Proposed Amendments from the Membership. In addition to amendments submitted by the Board of Directors, proposed amendments may be submitted by any member state board to the Secretary-Treasurer at least 65 days prior to the Annual Meeting, for distribution to the membership at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Adoption Requirement. Amendments shall be adopted by at least a two-thirds vote of the Delegate Assembly and any ballots received under the provisions of Section 2 of Article VII, unless the proposed amendments have been further amended during consideration by the Delegate Assembly, in which case the written ballots submitted in advance shall not be counted, and adoption of the amended amendments shall be by a two-thirds vote only of the delegates present.

Article XII.

Conduct of Association Business

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The procedures at all meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except as modified by these bylaws and any standing rules of the Board of Directors, and/or the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Conflict of Interest. No Board or Committee member may participate in a matter in which the member has a conflict of interest. At a minimum, a conflict of interest arises when a member has a personal or financial interest in the matter. The Board of Directors may adopt additional conflict of interest policies and procedures.



Re: Public Education Positions Committee

Preamble

Throughout history, Congress has recognized the preeminent role of the states in education. NASBE believes that public education is the most fundamental obligation of state government. Major policy and oversight responsibility is placed in constitutionally or statutorily created state boards, composed primarily of lay citizens. State boards have the primary responsibility for governing education, including vocational education, for setting educational policy, goals and priorities based on the best available information and research, and for continuously evaluating educational progress. While citizens who serve on state boards of education may be chosen because they are from a specific region, or constituency, they should represent all the students in the state. The charge to state boards is setting the long-term vision and direction that will make education meaningful for every student. Schools must be dynamic educational institutions that graduate students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in the world. This requires a long term commitment of time, energy, and resources.

State Boards of Education

While the state role of state board members is often clearly defined by state constitutions or statutes, all state board members, regardless of how chosen, need to understand and respond to national issues that have an impact on education in their states. The educationally effective governing structure for education within a state includes a state board of education that is a policy leader, with the policies administered by a chief state school officer.

Candidate for President-Elect



John R. Kelly

John R. Kelly is a native Mississippian, having grown up on his family's farm in the central part of the state. He has live on the coast for the past 42 years. Since 2006 he has served as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Mississippi's second largest city, Gulfport. As CAO, he is responsible for the day to day operations of the city.

John spent most of his career as a senior executive with the Department of Defense. At the time of his retirement in December 2005, he worked as Regional Director for Community and Family support with Navy Region South East in Jacksonville, FL. As Regional Director, he directed the operation of a broad multi- faceted family support program that encompassed psychological testing /counseling, family housing, skills for living training, family advocacy and funeral honors details for service members and their families. His region included the 14 naval installations around the South Eastern United States, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Kelly has a solid record of community and social involvement. He was chosen by the Sun Herald as one of the Gulf Coast Outstanding Community Leaders for 2011. He was appointed in June 2011 by former Governor Haley Barbour to the State Board of Education where he now serves as chairman. He has also chaired that board's accountability committee. This committee works with the board to determine ratings for all schools across the state. He served as chairman of the National Board of Director for the American Cancer Society from 1999-2002. He was the 1st person of color to chair this prestigious board with an annual budget of more than a billion dollars. He is a former President and Chief Volunteer Officer for South Mississippi's United Way. Other boards formally chaired by Dr. Kelly includes, the Boys & Girls club of South Mississippi, Gulfport Job Corps Center, Gulf Coast Medical Center and Salvation Army. He currently serves on several for profit boards as well.

John earned a bachelor degree from Alcorn State University (1971), masters from Wayne State University (1972) and a doctorate from University of Southern Mississippi (1979). He is married to Dr. Bernell T. Kelly, who is a recent retired principal with the Biloxi School District. Together they have two adult daughters, Felice and Kristi. They also have a granddaughter, Raegan Kelly Johnson, a 2nd year college student and a three-year old grandson Dallas.

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Area Director for the Central Region



O. Victor Lenz, Jr.

Public school education has been a critical element of my experience for my entire life. As a product of the public school system, I was very well prepared for college and a career. During my 39-year career in public education, I was able to make a difference in the lives of students and the effectiveness of the school experience for our students. Since retirement, I have devoted a major portion of my time to school board service at both the local and state level. It is critical that we continue to improve our public schools to meet the ever more complicated skill sets that our students need to succeed.

One of the founding fathers of our nation, Thomas Jefferson, stated, "An educated citizenry is the foundation of our democracy." In order to have an educated citizenry, we must have a strong system of public education, and every student must have access to a quality, free public education. I am committed to advocating, in every possible way, for legislation and support that will improve the educational opportunity for every student in our country. I am also committed to maintaining community schools for students throughout our nation. It is critical that every student have the opportunity to get a good education in his or her own community without having to endure extreme hardships and hurdles.

I have worked for these ideals at both the local and state level and would welcome the opportunity to expand those efforts through serving on the board of the National Association of State Boards of Education. Thank you for considering my bid for election to the NASBE Board as a Central Area Director.

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