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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate

**SUBJECT:** Discussion Regarding NASBE 2009 Board of Directors

The State Board of Education has been asked to submit nominations for the 2009 President-elect, and Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

The communication from NASBE is attached. Please note that nominations are due May 27, 2008.

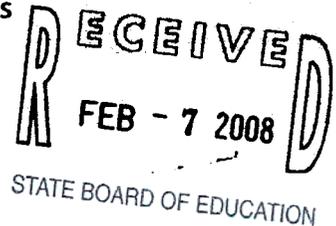
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# MEMO

**TO:** NASBE State Board, Chairs, Members, and Executive Directors  
**FROM:** Marsha McMullin, Director of Special Projects  
**RE:** **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**DATE:** February 4, 2008



## NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With the passage of the changes to the NASBE Bylaws proposed at the October 2007 Annual Meeting (vote and approval on January 26, 2008), we are asking by this letter for your state's nominations for 2009 President-elect and Area Directors.

Several important changes have been made to the nominations and elections process. Attached to this memo you will find a page listing the exact Bylaws changes. To summarize, these include:

- 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.
- 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<sup>th</sup> after notifying the Senior Area Director from the Region.
- Additional nominations must be received at the Association headquarters by *August 31* by electronic mail, 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.

In order to adequately prepare for the Nominations Committee meeting, it would be appreciated that nominations for the following offices be received at NASBE headquarters no later than May 31 (they must be received by close of business on June 3). 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. In addition, 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 Bylaws. 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. 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.

**Area Director** - The Area Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting states of a particular area during the Annual Business Meeting 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 is being mailed to your state board chairman and 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 2009);
- \* Ability to attend the 2008 Annual Conference in Arlington, Virginia;
- \* 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 6, 2008, to interview candidates for the positions of President-elect and Area Directors. Please send your nominations to: Brad Bryant, c/o Nominations Committee, NASBE, 277 S. Washington Street, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22314, by May 27, 2008. If you prefer, you can fax the form to NASBE at 703/836-2313, attention: Marsha McMullin. Also enclosed for your information is a roster of current officers and directors.

## **NASBE BYLAW CHANGES EFFECTING THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS PROCESS**

- The Nominations Committee shall have seven (7) members: the Immediate Past President, who shall be Chairman and vote only in the case of a tie vote, one representative and an alternate from each area of the Association and two (2) members elected at large during the annual business meeting. Each area representative to the Nominations Committee shall be elected at the area meeting of the region that is held during the Association's Annual Conference. All Nominations Committee members must be current members of state boards of education. The terms of the Nominations Committee are one (1) year, and all Nominations Committee members are eligible to serve a maximum of three years. (Article IX, Section A, 2).
- Election – The President-elect and Secretary Treasurer shall be nominated from and voted upon by the general membership. The election will take place at the annual business meeting. Candidates will be elected by a majority vote of all voting member states. States unable to send a delegate to the annual business meeting may vote by mail, to be received at Association headquarters by September 30 after notifying the Senior Area Director from the region. In the absence of a majority vote for either position, voting member states present at the annual business meeting shall vote by secret ballot to decide the outcome of the election. In the event that 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. (Article V, Section A, 4).
- Election – The Area Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting states of a particular area. The election will take place at the annual area meeting in October. States unable to send a delegate to the annual area 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. In the event of a lack of a majority vote, the voting delegates of an area at the Annual Area Meeting will vote to determine the winning candidate. (Article V, Section A, 6).
- Additional Nominations to the Board of Directors. Additional nominations for the offices of President-elect and Secretary-Treasurer 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 the Association headquarters by August 31 by electronic mail, 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, provided that such nominations are received at the Association headquarters by August 31 by electronic mail, by facsimile, or written report. If between the close of nominations and the annual business meeting a candidate's withdraw leaves either one or no candidate for a position, nominations may be made from the floor at the annual business meeting. (Article V, Section A, 12).

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