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January 29, 2007

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Discussion Regarding NASBE Board of Directors and Awards Nominations

The State Board of Education has been asked to submit nominations for the 2008 President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). In addition, NASBE is seeking nominations for the Policy Leader of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award.

The communication from NASBE is attached. Please note that nominations for President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Director are due March 9, 2007; and nominations for the Awards are due March 30, 2007.

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# NASBE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

TO: NASBE State Board, Chairs, Members, and Executive Directors  
FROM: Marsha McMullin, Director of Special Projects  
RE: **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AND 2007 AWARDS**  
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In accord with NASBE Bylaws, we are asking by this letter for your state's nominations for 2008 President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Directors. Voting will be done via mail ballot to ensure that all dues-paying states will have the opportunity to participate in the process.

**Nominations for the following offices should be received at NASBE headquarters no later than March 9.** According to NASBE Bylaws (approved 10/06), 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. 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. He/she serves as chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee and shall be responsible for all financial accounts of the Association; the term of service is two years or until a successor is qualified.
- **Area Director** - The Area Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting states of a particular area received by the Association headquarters by July 1. In the event of a lack of majority vote, the voting delegates of an area at the Annual Area Meeting will vote to determine the winning candidate. 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 2008);
- Ability to attend the 2007 Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- 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 March 16, 2007 to interview candidates for the positions of President-elect and Area Directors. Please send your nominations to: Diane Fladmo, c/o Nominations Committee, NASBE, 277 S. Washington Street, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22314, by **March 9, 2007**. 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.

## **2007 NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## 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 Annual Conference in Philadelphia in October. Nominations forms for these three prestigious awards are being mailed to your state board chairman and executive director.

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, and Jim Henson.

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, Security Benefit of Topeka, Kansas, James Orr, Chad Wick, and Robert Marshall.

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 in Philadelphia, 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 mail or fax the appropriate nomination form, a letter of endorsement, and the completed questions to NASBE, 277 S. Washington Street, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22314, attention: Marsha McMullin. ***The deadline is March 30, 2007.*** 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me ([marsham@nasbe.org](mailto:marsham@nasbe.org)) or 703/684-4000, ext. 1116, if you have any questions regarding either the Board of Directors or Awards nominations process. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at upcoming NASBE meetings and conferences.