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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding 2010 NASBE Award and 2011 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 2010 Policy Leader of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award. The communication from NASBE is attached (Exhibit A). Please note that nominations for the awards are due April 30, 2010.

In addition, State Boards of Education have been asked to submit nominations for 2011 President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Area Directors. The communication from NASBE is attached (Exhibit B). Please note that nominations for the Board of Directors are due June 8, 2010.

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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 2010 AWARDS**
DATE: January 27, 2010

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AWARDS NOMINATIONS

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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 2010 Annual Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. *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, Jim Henson, former Governor (and now Senator) Mark Warner from Virginia, and last year's winner, Governor Jennifer Granholm from Michigan.

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, B. Keith Fulton (WV).

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 the Nation's Capital 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 **by April 30, 2010** 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (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.

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

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: March 2, 2010

NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By the memo, we are asking for your state's nominations for 2011 President-elect and Area Directors.

In accordance with our Bylaws:

- The election for President-elect 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 30th after notifying the Senior Area Director from the Region.
- 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. 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 2011);
- * Ability to attend the 2011 Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia;
- * 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 11, 2010 to interview candidates for the positions of President-elect and Area Directors. Please send your nominations to: Ken Willard, c/o Nominations Committee, NASBE, 2121 Crystal Drive, Suite 350, Arlington, VA 22202 by June 8, 2010. 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.

2010 NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Lowell Johnson, West Virginia
President-elect	Allan Taylor, Connecticut
Immediate Past President	Ken Willard, Kansas
Secretary Treasurer	Greg Haws, Utah
Area Directors -	
Northeastern:	Karen Farmer White, Pennsylvania Terry Whittaker, Delaware
Central:	Joe Higgins, Nebraska Stan Archie, Missouri
Southern:	Jose Perez, Georgia Rosetta Richard, Mississippi
Western:	Kim Burningham, Utah Jane Goff, Colorado
New Member Representatives:	Austin Moss, Kentucky Kristen McKinley, Ohio
NCSBEE President	Steve Meloy, Montana
NCOSEA President	Mary Cooke, Delaware