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January 30, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding NASBE Board of Directors and Awards Nominations

The State Board of Education has been asked to submit nominations for the 2006 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, stating that candidates for President-elect shall have prior NASBE Board of Directors service. On January 23, 2006, NASBE sent another communication stating that Bylaws were changed at the October 2005 Annual Business Meeting to expand this eligibility to include chairmanship of a study group or Governmental Affairs Committee.

Please note that nominations for President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Director are due March 8, 2006; and nominations for Awards are due March 31, 2006.

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MEMO

NASBE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

TO: All NASBE State Board Members and State Executives
FROM: Marsha McMullin, Director of Special Projects
RE: **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AWARDS**
DATE: January 13, 2006

NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In accord with NASBE Bylaws, we are asking by this letter for your state's nominations for 2007 President-elect and Area Directors. Voting will be done via mail ballot to ensure that all member 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 8. 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. To be eligible to be elected as President-elect, the candidate shall have prior NASBE Board of Directors service.

- ***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 automatically becomes President after one year, and there will be no Vice President position.

- ***Area Director -*** Each of the four NASBE regions shall have two Area Directors, who serve two-year terms; **one Director is elected each year**. Nominations for Area Directors shall be submitted by the states in that Area and then elected by a majority vote of the states of that particular Area. Area Directors may hold the same office for two consecutive terms.

Nominations should include biographical information on the candidate and 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. *While we encourage nominations on behalf of a candidate to be submitted by the state board on which that individual sits, our Bylaws do not preclude individuals from submitting nominations. Self-nominations are also acceptable.*

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 2007) ;
- Ability to attend the 2006 Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky;
- Continuing membership on the State Board of Education during his/her term on the NASBE Board of Directors. (An officer or director of the NASBE Board of Directors who leaves his/her State Board of Education during his/her NASBE term of office will be replaced in accordance with Article VI, Section 10, "Vacancies");
- 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.

277 South Washington Street, Suite 100
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
703-684-4000/FAX 703-836-2313
www.nasbe.org

Brenda Lilienthal Welburn
Executive Director

The Nominations Committee will meet on March 17, 2006 to interview candidates for the positions of President-elect and Area Directors. Please send your nominations to: Kim Burningham, c/o Nominations Committee, NASBE, 277 S. Washington Street, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22314, by **March 8, 2006.** 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.

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 Louisville 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 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, James Orr, 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 Louisville, 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 31, 2006.*** No other materials are needed, as only the Nomination Form, endorsement letter, and questions will be submitted for review. As mentioned previously, 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 send an email (marsham@nasbe.org) or give me a call at 703/684-4000, ext 116, 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.

2006 NASBE Board of Directors

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

NOMINATION FORM

for the

POLICY LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF
LEADERSHIP TO THE QUALITY OF AMERICAN EDUCATION
AND THE SHAPING OF ITS FUTURE

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING STATE AND TERRITORIAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION. OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES INCLUDE: STRENGTHENING STATE LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL POLICYMAKING; PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN THE EDUCATION OF ALL STUDENTS; ADVOCATING EQUALITY OF ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY; AND ASSURING CONTINUED CITIZEN SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

NASBE POLICY LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Award Information and Entry Procedures

A. Purpose

This Award provides an annual opportunity to recognize the contributions to education made by **national 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 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 our Annual Conference.

B. Nomination Procedure

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

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

No other materials will be submitted to the Policy Leader of the Year Awards Committee for their review.

C. Award Selection Committee

The winner of this award will be chosen by the current Board of Directors during their June meeting. Should a Board member be from a nominating state, that member will recuse him /herself from voting on this award.

D. Eligibility

A nominee for the Policy Leader of the Year Award shall meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. Have exhibited personal and professional dedication to improving American education through specific national achievements of singular merit within the past three years.
2. Have exemplified throughout his/her career the finest objective, informed, non-partisan 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 the Association.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM
NASBE Policy Leader of the Year Award

I am pleased to nominate the individual listed below for the **NASBE Policy Leader of the Year Award:**

Name of Nominee_____

Home Address _____

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Telephone (h)_____ (o) _____ Email address _____

Name of Nominator_____

Title_____

Address_____

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Telephone (h)_____ (o) _____ Email address_____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND ATTACH TO 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). *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.

Return this Official Nomination Form by mail or fax along with the completed questions and letter of endorsement by March 31 2006 to:

Chairman, Policy Leader of the Year Committee
NASBE
277 S. Washington Street, Suite 100
Alexandria, VA 22314
703/836-2313 (fax)

Materials that are not at NASBE offices by the closing date cannot be considered by the Award Committee.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

NOMINATION FORM

for the

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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

The National Association of State Boards of Education is a private, non-profit organization representing state and territorial boards of education. Our principal objectives include: strengthening state leadership in educational policymaking; promoting excellence in the education of all students; advocating equality of access to educational opportunity; and assuring continued citizen support for public education.

NASBE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Award Information and Entry Procedures

A. Purpose

This 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 Annual Conference to current or recently retired members of state boards representing three different NASBE geographic regions. Members of the National Association of State Boards of Education 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 Procedure

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

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

No other materials will be submitted to the Distinguished Service Awards Committee for their review.

C. Award Selection Committee

This committee shall be appointed annually by the President of NASBE during the first quarter of the calendar year. It shall consist of five NASBE members. The President-elect of NASBE shall serve on the committee as chairman, but shall not vote except in a tie.

D. Eligibility

A nominee for the Distinguished Service Award shall 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.
2. Have exemplified throughout his/her career the finest objective, informed, non-partisan 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 the Association.
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.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM
NASBE Distinguished Service Award

I am pleased to nominate the individual listed below for the **NASBE Distinguished Service Award:**

Name of Nominee _____

Home Address _____

_____

Telephone (h) _____ (o) _____

Email address _____

Name of Nominator _____

Title _____

Address _____

_____

Telephone (h) _____ (o) _____

Email address _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND ATTACH TO 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 in 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.

Return this Official Nomination Form by mail or fax along with the completed questions and letter of endorsement by March 31, 2006 to:

Chairman, DSA Committee
NASBE
277 S. Washington Street, Suite 100
Alexandria, VA 22314
703/836-2313 (fax)

Materials that are not at NASBE offices by the closing date cannot be considered by the Award Committee.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

NOMINATION FORM

for the

FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF
LEADERSHIP TO THE QUALITY OF AMERICAN EDUCATION
AND THE SHAPING OF ITS FUTURE

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING STATE AND TERRITORIAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION. OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES INCLUDE: STRENGTHENING STATE LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL POLICYMAKING; PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN THE EDUCATION OF ALL STUDENTS; ADVOCATING EQUALITY OF ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY; AND ASSURING CONTINUED CITIZEN SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

NASBE FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

Award Information and Entry Procedures

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 our Annual Conference.

Members of the National Association of State Boards of Education may nominate for national recognition 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 this 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 twofold goal of recognizing and strengthening the bond between education and business, civic or political organizations should be considered in the nomination process.

B. Nomination Procedure

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

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

No other materials will be submitted to the Friend of Education Committee for their review.

C. Award Selection Committee

This committee shall be appointed annually by the President of NASBE during the first quarter of the calendar year. It shall consist of five NASBE members. The President-elect of NASBE shall serve on the committee as chairman, but will only vote in case of a tie.

D. Eligibility

A nominee for the Friend of Education Award shall 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 the Association.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

NASBE Friend of Education Award

I AM PLEASED TO NOMINATE THE INDIVIDUAL LISTED BELOW FOR THE NASBE FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD:

Name of Nominee _____

Home Address _____

_____

Telephone (h) _____ (o)_____

Email address _____

Name of Nominator _____

Title_____

Address _____

_____

Telephone (h)_____ (o) _____

Email address _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND ATTACH TO 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.

Return this Official Nomination Form by mail or fax along with the completed questions and letter of endorsement by March 31, 2006 to:

Chairman, Friend of Education Award Committee
NASBE
277 S. Washington Street, Suite 100
Alexandria, VA 22314
703/836-2313 (fax)

Materials that are not at NASBE offices by the closing date cannot be considered by the Award Committee.