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## AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

### LIVE FROM YOUR HOUSE, IT'S AREA MEMBERSHIP!

Insert that iconic theme you've heard for the past 40 years every Saturday night right here, because this year, NASB is taking the annual Area Membership Meetings to a computer near you.

Every year, one of our most favorite things to do as a staff is to travel the state to see you, our members, and all of the good work you all are doing in your communities. We enjoy sharing a meal, updating you on all we are doing, and recognizing those individuals and boards who have achieved their next level of engagement and distinction.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we have decided not to travel the state this fall and go into communities like we have been able to in the past, but we do plan to do a virtual version of our Area Membership Meetings.

While we will miss the face to face, the handshakes and hellos, and the beautiful scenery our state has to offer as we made our loop across the various highways, through many of your hometowns, we are working to bring you a fun, interactive alternative to our usual evenings of training, recognition, networking and vision.

"We are really looking forward to engaging with you in this different way. We've learned through Covid that sometimes different is good and interesting, and we think this is going to be one of those opportunities," said NASB President Stacie Higgins. "One of the things we are so looking forward to is recognizing our school board members and sharing with you all of the things that are happening at NASB and what we have to look forward to in the future."

Stay tuned

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Continue to check NASB's COVID-19 page for updates for you and your Board at [www.NASBOnline.org](http://www.NASBOnline.org)

#### KEY ITEMS INCLUDE:

CONTINGENCY PLANNING RESOURCES  
PLANNING A SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL

UNMC RESOURCES & PLAYBOOK

A LEGAL GUIDE TO OPERATING SCHOOLS IN THE  
PANDEMIC ERA FROM THE NSBA (PDF)

MASKS IN SCHOOLS

YOUTUBE'S & MORE

#### CANDIDATE WEBINARS

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BUFFET EARLY CHILDHOOD INSTITUTE'S  
THRIVING CHILDREN, FAMILIES &  
COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 14

FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP  
SEPTEMBER 24 | KEARNEY

LABOR RELATIONS CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 14-15 | KEARNEY

2020 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 18-20 | CHI HEALTH CENTER OMAHA

NEW BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOPS  
DECEMBER 2020

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## LEADERSHIP

This past Saturday your NASB Legislation Committee met to go over newly submitted proposals, as well as look back on last year's legislative agenda, while formulating the plan for upcoming sessions.

Thank you to all of the boards who submitted legislative proposals for the Committee to consider. Look for all of the new and revised language in NASB's Advocacy Handout, which will be sent out for your review this Fall as we build up towards final approval at the Delegate Assembly. A number of proposals from member districts were advanced including:

- *Mandate cooperation and consultation with school districts as it relates to the placement of children under the custody of DHHS.*
- *Allowing school board members to participate in meetings via electronic means while still maintaining a quorum when necessitated for the health and safety of the board and public.*
- *Removing the requirement to publish hearing notices and meeting minutes in public newspapers and supporting the use of alternative means to communicate board activity.*
- *Using school accountability data to determine potential strategies/resources for helping schools improve.*
- *Supporting statutory change to codify the ability of political subdivisions to meet remotely during a pandemic. While the Governor's proclamation was useful, we prefer to have statutory backing moving forward.*

Monday saw the 2020 Legislative Session resume for the first time since March for its final 17 days.

LB 1106 was debated on Wednesday and was passed over without a vote. It is unlikely to come back for further debate. LB 1106 is

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the second version of LB 974. NASB along with ALL its education partners (NCSA, NRCSA, STANCE, NSEA, GNSA) have opposed this bill for various reasons. Chief among them is the erosion of local control. Senators will likely begin work on a "Plan C".

### WHAT'S NEXT:

As this bill is tied to the passage of the business tax incentives (LB 720) and a University appropriation related to the pandemic, a group of Senators have been floating an alternative proposal. This proposal will include an allocation of funds to schools with a high reliance on property taxes outside of the TEEOSA formula. Once this proposal is introduced, the leg. committee will be examining it. Keep your eye on NASB's Government Relations page for more info.

<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/government-relations>

### PROTECTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

This session there were 5 bills introduced that addressed inappropriate relationships between students and school employees. NASB weighed in on and was supportive of several of these bills. This week they were combined into one bill (LB 1080) which has the policy provisions, and another (LB 881) to include the criminal provisions. Once passed into law, this bill will require some district policies on the prohibition of sexual conduct by school employees and students. New criminal penalties are now part of this bill. Once passed, NASB will share guidance and update all members.

### STUDENT DISCIPLINE:

LB 147 was debated on Tuesday. Debate topics ranged from district liability protection to the role of training to prevent staff injury. After several hours of debate the measure was passed over without a vote to advance the bill. At this time proponents of the bill are working to make it a Speakers Major proposal which allows the Speaker to order amendments. In cooperation with NCSA, NASB has agreed to support AM 3067 only (below). Whether or not LB 147 is brought back for debate remains to be seen.

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/AM/AM3067.pdf>

## YOUR 2020 NASB LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE NASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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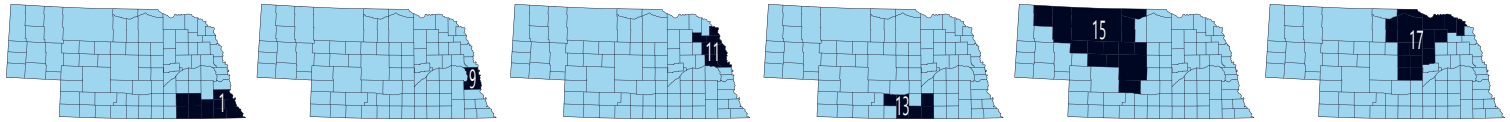
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Nomination forms for seats on the NASB Board of Directors have been emailed to each School Board Member, Superintendent/ESU Administrator and Secretary. This year, Regions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 will be contested. NASB region directors are called from 19 geographically based regions, determined every decade based on the results of the Legislature's redistricting process. Once all nomination forms are received by the August 21st deadline, ballots will be sent to all districts with two or more nominations for their Regional seat on the board. The new directors will assume their seats after the 2020 Delegate Assembly in November. The following is a list of the seats that are up for election (or appointment\*), as well as the incumbent.

- Region 1 – Neal Kanel
- Region 3 – Tracy Casady\*
- Region 5 – Bob Rauner\*
- Region 7 – Shavonna Holman\*
- Region 9 – Alan Moore
- Region 11 – Jim Vlach
- Region 13 – Marilyn Bohn
- Region 15 – Barb Svoboda
- Region 17 – Richard Dohma
- Region 19 – Stacy Jolley\*

This is a great opportunity to expand your leadership horizons by serving on a statewide board committed to providing resources to school and ESU board members. The director positions are elected to four-year terms and require attendance at five NASB Board of Director meetings each year, along with other responsibilities.

Please visit <http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/brdofdirectors> for specifics regarding the region in which your district or ESU resides. Any additional questions may be emailed to Sallie Horky Svatora at [ssvatora@NASBonline.org](mailto:ssvatora@NASBonline.org).



THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO JOINED US FOR THIS YEAR'S  
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING! IT WAS SO GREAT SEEING EVERYONE  
AGAIN IN A SAFE, SOCIALLY DISTANCED SETTING.

## REGISTER FOR THE NASB BOARD CANDIDATE WEBINARS

[https://nasb.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aXA3s7cmqjoRqzb](https://nasb.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXA3s7cmqjoRqzb)

JULY 27 | 6:00 TO 7:30 PM CT

SEPTEMBER 21 | 6:00 TO 7:30 PM CT

OCTOBER 12 | 12:00 TO 1:00 PM CT

As we continue to maneuver through uncharted territory of governance during the pandemic and beyond, the Board Leadership team continue to share supporting resources to assist board members and superintendents in planning for the days to come. At the request of our members, we have compiled discussion topics covered in the District Leadership Team Contingency Planning to provide talking points to support boards as you work alongside and support the superintendent and administrators as they prepare for the 2020-21 return to learning.

As the school district collaborates and consults with local and state health officials, health care providers and specialists, it is our goal to continue to provide updates to the topics that may be relevant to providing and protecting the well-being of staff and students.

The following is an excerpt from the NASB District Leadership Team Contingency Planning document:

### BOARD GOVERNANCE

- 1) If the board passed a superintendent authority resolution (April 2020), what authority and/or decisions did the superintendent authorize following the adoption of the superintendent authority resolution?
- 2) When will the board revisit the Superintendent Authority Resolution and resume board/policy governance?
- 3) Has the board voted to ratify all decisions the superintendent authorized following the board's authority to act independently? If not, will the board review and ratify all decisions at the next board meeting?
- 4) Do we have a need to sustain the emergency resolution? If so, why?
- 5) Work collaboratively with the superintendent on the 2020-21 School Year Plan (COVID related) as presented to the Board and to identify the policies and handbook issues that impede the superintendent and/or administrators to carry out the plan.
- 6) Create a COVID Policy Ad Hoc Committee to review and identify the need for additional policies that will enable administrators to carry out the authority granted through board policy. (ex. Attendance/Extended Absence, Grading during remote learning, other related matters realized through the COVID pandemic.) COVID Policy Ad Hoc Committee may include, but will not be limited to board members, superintendent, select district level administrators, and select building administrators, (staff?, parents?).
- 7) Review relevant staff leave policies for clarity and to minimize absenteeism while encouraging employees to remain home if they are ill.
- 8) Review student policies to provide more flexibility and remove punitive measures for absences when there is an outbreak.
- 9) Identify protocols/procedures for engaging students/families that have not connected to the district since building closures 2019-20.
- 10) Consider ramifications for interlocal cooperative agreements with community resulting in access to facilities (exercise, libraries/media centers, etc.).
- 11) Review and modify facility use policies to restrict non-educational usage.
- 12) Connect with NASB and/or the board's school attorney to determine other policies the board must consider and/or address.

Other resources the district may wish to consider when addressing plans for the 2020-21 School Year include, but are not limited to:

Launch Nebraska (NDE)

<https://www.launchne.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/PlanningASafeReturn.pdf>

Tools, actions, opportunities, and resources to support the complex planning and preparation needed by Nebraska school systems as they work to restart schools and support students as they transition back to school buildings.

Considerations for Developing Re-Opening Plans for Nebraska's Schools (NRCSA)

[https://nasb.envisiams.com/docs/default-source/covid19/nrcsa-considerations-for-reopening.pdf?sfvrsn=ede2e6c1\\_2](https://nasb.envisiams.com/docs/default-source/covid19/nrcsa-considerations-for-reopening.pdf?sfvrsn=ede2e6c1_2)

*Thank you for the work you are doing for Nebraska's students.  
(View August Board Meeting Topics on Page 11)*





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# NASB RETURN TO SCHOOL SURVEYS NOW AVAILABLE

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## RETURN TO SCHOOL SURVEY FOR PARENT/GUARDIANS & RETURN TO SCHOOL SURVEY FOR TEACHERS BOTH AVAILABLE NOW!

NASB has added two new surveys to help districts create an understanding of the information, support, and resources for parents/guardians and teachers in anticipation of re-opening school buildings for the 2020-21 school year. NASB created the surveys to empower Nebraska school districts with a mechanism to receive real-time feedback from parents/guardians of the district, and/or teachers, to enable better informed preparation and planning for instruction and learning this fall.

### ABOUT THE SURVEYS

Districts can choose whether to engage the survey for the parents/guardians, the survey for the teachers, or both stakeholder groups. Each stakeholder group will receive an email and a unique survey link. Parents/guardians will be asked to answer the 13-question survey based on their experience(s) of each child enrolled in the district, and the survey for teachers will ask them to answer a 12-question survey based on their experiences educating through remote learning, as well as anticipation of re-opening school buildings this fall. Modifications can be requested to fit the unique needs of your district. NASB will manage the survey and ensure the data collected is private and secure.

As community and educational leaders in Nebraska, we must create opportunities for connection and to receive timely feedback ensuring that the complex plans and challenging decisions being made have the timely information needed. NASB strives to create family and school partnerships that support our core mission of serving all students.

*Please contact NASB Board Leadership or Karla Kruse to register for the Return to School Parent/Guardian Survey and/or the Return to School Teacher Survey at 800-422-4572 or [kkruse@NASBonline.org](mailto:kkruse@NASBonline.org)*



## NASB BOARD CANDIDATE WEBINARS

In anticipation of the upcoming school board elections, NASB will host a Board Candidate Webinar led by Marcia Herring, Director of Board Leadership. Non-Incumbent Candidates who were successful in the primary election have received an information packet that includes an invitation to participate in the Candidate Webinar, a copy of Preparing to Serve, and the 2020 NASB Membership Guide. We encourage you to participate alongside your non-incumbents! The NASB Candidate Webinar is designed to provide a general overview of board member roles and responsibilities, review of the NASB Board Standards, code of conduct, board meeting protocols, etc. the format will also allow for attendee questions. The webinar is free to all members and will be hosted via a Zoom electronic meeting platform. This webinar will be held at three convenient times over the coming months:

Mon, July 27, 6:00-7:30 PM CT    Mon, Sept. 21, 6:00-7:30 PM CT    Mon, October 12, Noon-1:00 PM CT

**WE ENCOURAGE ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES TO JOIN US.**

To register and receive access information, follow the link below:  
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# EHA ALTERNATIVE NETWORK WEBINAR



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CHECK OUT A QUICK 17-MINUTE WEBINAR FROM BCBS ON ALTERNATIVE NETWORKS, INCLUDING AN INTRO AND Q&A WITH NASB'S JOHN SPATZ.

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## 2020 THRIVING CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE



Children, families, and communities are coming together to find ways to thrive, now and into the future.

Register now to join us on Monday, Sept. 14, for the third annual Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference. This exciting day of virtual learning, sharing, and planning as community leaders from across Nebraska come together online to focus on high-quality early childhood education and its connection to economic development and community vitality.

This year's exciting online format of virtual learning, sharing, and planning will bring together community leaders, including those in education, economic development, child care, business, government, health care, higher education, and philanthropy, from across Nebraska to focus on high-quality early childhood education and its connection to economic development and community vitality.

Linda Smith, early childhood initiative director at the Bipartisan Policy Center, will be the featured 2020 keynote speaker. From her start as an early childhood educator in Montana to her work as deputy assistant secretary for early childhood development in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Smith offers relatable and practical information to connect early childhood and community vitality.

After the Thriving Children conference, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., representatives from communities participating in the statewide Communities for Kids initiative will engage in further planning efforts. The Communities for Kids Convening will be held online from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sept. 14. Communities for Kids, a Nebraska Children and Families Foundation initiative, is working with communities across Nebraska to advance their early childhood programming and services.

### REGISTER NOW

<https://events.r2o.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=ao7eh6vm6u63dd7ob5d&oseq=&c=&ch=>

### CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Nebraska Department of Education (NDE); Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); First Five Nebraska; Nebraska Children and Families Foundation; Nebraska Community Foundation; Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative; Nebraska Extension; Buffett Early Childhood Fund; Buffett Early Childhood Institute

### CONFERENCE PARTNERS

Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties and Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties Foundation; Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children (NeAEYC); Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB); Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC); Nebraska Head Start Association; Nebraska Hospital Association; Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA); Rural Futures Institute



# IS THIS YEAR'S BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR ON YOUR BOARD?

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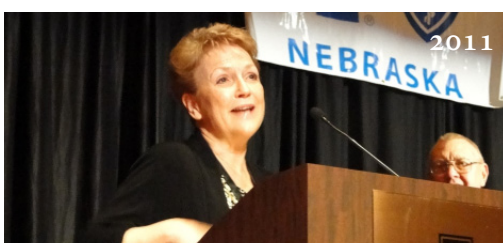
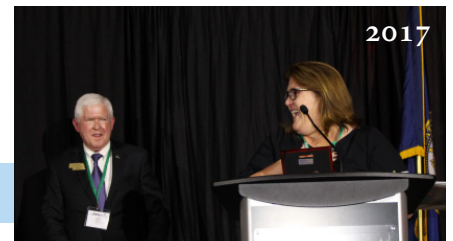
NASB and the State Board of Education are now seeking nominations for the annual Ann Mactier Award, recognizing one local school board member for their policy leadership and contributions to curriculum and instruction in Nebraska public schools.

Please consider nominating a deserving board member for this honor.

Application deadline for deserving candidates is September 30, 2020.

For further details you may visit the Board Leadership section of [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org), or contact Marcia Herring at 800-422-4572. Previous winners include:

- 2019 | VALERIE FISHER, PAPILLION LA VISTA
- 2018 | KATHY DANEK, LINCOLN
- 2017 | BONNIE HINKLE, GRAND ISLAND
- 2016 | TERRI HAYNES, CHADRON
- 2015 | LINDA RICHARDS, RALSTON
- 2014 | BRAD KRIVOHRAVEK, NORFOLK
- 2013 | PATTY BENTZINGER, NORRIS
- 2012 | KATHY BARTEK, FALLS CITY
- 2011 | JULIE AGARD, KEARNEY
- 2010 | KIM FASSE, ELKHORN
- 2009 | RON PEARSON, ESU #3
- 2008 | SANDRA JENSEN, OMAHA
- 2007 | JOHN HANSEN, BELLEVUE
- 2006 | FRED TAFOYA, PAPILLION LA VISTA
- 2005 | WAYNE ERICKSON, WISNER-PILGER
- 2004 | ANN MACTIER, OMAHA



## ... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

### AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Watch for an email at the end of July containing names of Individual Award Recipients for this points year. A separate email will also be sent to district superintendents for those boards who qualify for the board award this points year. Questions on points: Contact Lisa at [lsteinkuhler@NASBonline.org](mailto:lsteinkuhler@NASBonline.org)

### EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Contact Shari for a proposal to facilitate a search for your next Superintendent/ESU Administrator. If you are an applicant, please contact us to hear about the new online application process and discuss openings.

### GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER

People with strong *Woo* talents bring energy to social situations. People exceptionally talented in the *Adaptability* theme prefer to go with the flow. They tend to be "now" people who take things as they come. *Self-Assurance* is similar to self-confidence. You have confidence in your abilities and your judgment.

- Shari -

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## ... ENERGY PURCHASING

Energy prices have risen somewhat during the summer, in spite of our slowing economy and low current energy usage. That might be surprising, but it is another reason why we rely on industry experts to assist us with purchasing natural gas for the NJUMP and CJUMP natural gas programs. Buying the gas in layers at several times during the year spreads out risk, and has been one of the reasons we have consistently obtained gas supplies at very competitive levels since 2004 when NJUMP was first started.

*Contact Jim to learn more!*

## ... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Thanks to all boards who submitted a legislative proposal for consideration.

Your Legislation Committee met mid-July, and an update on that as well as the resumption of the 2020 Legislative Session can be found on Page 2.

Continue to stay engaged!

Call Colby & Matt with any questions!  
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## ... ALICAP & INSURANCE

This month, ALICAP's Board of Trustees met on Friday, July 24th. At that meeting, the 2020-2021 year's budget was set, and billing statements will be mailed immediately thereafter.

If anyone has questions regarding their billing statement, don't hesitate to reach out. [mboldt@nasbonline.org](mailto:mboldt@nasbonline.org)

Thanks, Megan!

## ... POLICY

A recent Supreme Court decision has had an impact on all those district policies that deal with various classes protected by law against discrimination. When a district reviews its procedures to make certain that individuals are treated fairly and without discrimination, the term "sexual orientation or gender identity" should now be listed with the more familiar terms formerly included.

Contact Jim to learn more!

## ... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

We were able to hold a finance workshop in Kearney on June 30 to help districts prepare for upcoming challenges with school budgets. Watch your email for information about a virtual supplement to this workshop that will be offered in the coming months.

The annual NASB golf outing was held in Kearney on July 1. Members and vendors were able to enjoy a great day of golf and networking.

The 2020 Area Membership Meetings will be held virtually. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Missing you, Sharon

## ... TECHNOLOGY

### SPARQ MEETINGS LUNCH & LEARN

Zoom Meetings Integration  
Thursday, July 30 at 11 am CT

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## ... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on Page 4 to see all that the Board Leadership team is up to.

### AUGUST BOARD MEETING TOPICS

PLANNING: Monitor progress of district goals, link goals to discussion and action items; Strategic Plan Progress Report  
BUDGET: Board/Administrators Budget Work Session; Certification of District's Assessed Valuation; Public Budget Hearing / Adopt Budget; Due on or before September 20  
CURRICULUM: Review Alternative Education Program  
LEARNING COMMUNITY: Learning Community attendance reports and budget due September 1  
PERSONNEL: Board/All Staff Gathering; Negotiations employee's agent request recognition due September 1 (year preceding contract year)  
OTHER: Committee on American civics due beginning of school year; State school safety director is required to complete an assessment of the security of each school building no later than August 31, 2020.

Marcia, Kori, Melissa & Karla

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