Today’s Highlights

Thursday, October 14

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Finance Committee
Governmental Affairs Comm

10:30 – 12:00 noon
Area Meetings

12:15 – 2:00 p.m.
Opening Luncheon; Keynote Speaker: Anthony Salcito, Microsoft vice President

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
General Session: Turning Around Low-Performing Schools

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
General Session: Gaming and Its Impact on Instruction

5:45 – 8:30 p.m.
Utah Night at Olympic Park, Park City

President Lowell Johnson and the 2010 NASBE Board of Directors welcome you to Salt Lake City for the Association’s annual business meeting and conference. A special thanks is due our hosts: the state board of education, department of education, and people of Utah.

Microsoft VP for Education Keynotes Opening Session

Anthony Salcito, Microsoft’s vice president, Worldwide Public Sector Education, is the keynote speaker at today’s opening conference luncheon. As Microsoft’s lead officer for education, Salcito oversees the worldwide execution of Microsoft’s vision for education and its partnership and technology outreach efforts. In his prior position as general manager for education in the U.S., he was the catalyst for Microsoft’s involvement in the creation of the School of the Future in Philadelphia.

In an interview earlier this year, Salcito noted that in the recent past, education was the end point for already-developed technologies. Now, he said, new applications developed in education, including those developed by students, such as social media sites, are being being exported to industry.

“We believe that the more serious or the more challenging problems we assign, the better the projects are. We need to continue pushing students to solve the difficult problems,” he said.

Utah’s Host State Night Features Visit to Olympic Village

State board members will visit the Olympic Park outside of Park City and be treated to a Utah-themed buffet at the Alf Engen Ski Museum as part of NASBE’s annual Host State Night Reception. As part of the evening, participants will be able to explore the 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum and will have a guided bus tour of the Olympic venues.

Please meet in the hotel lobby at 5:35 p.m. Thursday for the 30 – 45 minute bus ride to Park City.
Attending his first Annual Conference—indeed, his first NASBE meeting ever—is Bradley J. Hull, who began his tenure as Deputy Executive Director in early September.

Mr. Hull’s experience in education and policy tie well to NASBE’s efforts to help states develop policy that will help make students college- and career-ready. He joins NASBE from the St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Academy, where he was the director of Career and Technical Education. Prior to this, he was an education specialist at the Vermont State Department of Education, where he drafted new teacher licensing procedures that became state policy, developed embedded professional development plans for school staff across the state, delivered workshops on student outcomes, curriculum development, assessments, and thinking skills, and was the state board member on the Southern Regional Education Board’s High Schools that Work.

“Brad Hull brings a state-level perspective to NASBE that is critical to understanding the needs of state boards of education and NASBE’s mission,” said NASBE Executive Director Brenda Welburn. “In addition to his policy experience, Brad brings us the ability to view policy in action from his years as an educator in high school and college classrooms.”

Before moving to Vermont, Brad was senior manager of Policy and Public Affairs for Airports Council International in Washington DC, the association representing 95 percent of commercial airports in North America. As such, he is familiar with the culture of national associations and their need to balance diverse viewpoints and attend to differing needs.

Mr. Hull earned a doctorate in education administration from the University of South Florida, as well as multiple bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music history, theory and performance.
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NASBE is pleased to welcome a number of distinguished guests as keynote, general session, and breakout session speakers at this year’s conference. As always, we have made an effort to include speakers who represent a diversity of opinions. While all conference participants will not agree with all of the viewpoints expressed, please join us in showing these guests our respect and appreciation. In addition, kindly turn off cell phone ringers during the sessions. Thank you, and enjoy the conference!

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