Benefits of NASBE Membership

Professional Development. The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is the only national organization dedicated to providing professional development for members of state boards of education. Throughout the year, members may take advantage of:

- Webinars on topics of high interest to state board of education members
- Special interest meetings and convenings, which bring together state board members and national policy experts to examine key policy issues affecting state boards of education.

Discounted Registration. NASBE hosts a number of larger meetings each year. They offer members the opportunity to hear from national experts and to network with other board members from across the country. Membership includes:

- Two free registrations to the New Member Institute including travel and lodging
- Discounted registration for NASBE’s Annual Conference
- Discounted registration for NASBE’s Legislative and Policy Forum

Customized Membership Services. At a state board’s request, NASBE will conduct a needs assessment, an environmental scan, and a goal-setting process, resulting in the development of a portfolio of services tailored to each state board’s needs. NASBE can act as your “policy shop” to find the policy answers you need.

State Board Development and Capacity Building Assistance. NASBE offers member boards free technical assistance in the following areas:

- State board strategic planning
- Boardsmanship
- Board self-evaluation
- Data privacy

NASBE Publications. Members turn to NASBE for accurate and research-based information about the latest issues in education. Regular publications:

- State Education Standard. Our journal, written by subject-matter experts, provides cover-to-cover insight into select education policy issues of the day.
- Education Leaders Reports cover hot topics as well as over-the-horizon thinking on education. They provide a deep dive into the background on policy issues, relevant research, and practical steps that the research findings imply for state policymaking.
- State Innovations provide concise examples of the policymaking experiences of particular state boards of education. These reports serve as a source of new ideas for other states’ policymaking, contacts to enable cross-state networking on key issues, and benchmarking.
Policy Updates are two-page briefs on changes in federal education policy, state policy impacts, and trends in education.

Boardsmanship Reviews offer practical ideas on how to become a better member of a state board of education.

State Stipends. On a number of projects, NASBE offers member states the opportunity to seek stipends that will further their work. Current state stipends are supporting work in the following areas:
- Standards adoption and implementation
- Deeper learning
- Student discipline and school climate
- Developing and supporting education leaders

National Voice. As the national voice of state board of education members in the United States and US territories, NASBE represents its membership on federal education matters before the administration, Congress, and the US Department of Education. Member states are entitled to name one individual to serve on the Government Affairs Committee, which coordinates this work.

Executive Searches. NASBE will assist state boards of education who are seeking a new chief state school officer. Member states receive a substantial discount.

Affiliated Organizations. NASBE recognizes two affiliate organizations whose members do not vote for NASBE officers but are otherwise entitled to the full benefits of membership.
- The National Council of State Boards of Education Executives (NCSBEE) is the national organization serving individuals who provide administrative and other support to state boards of education.
- The National Council of State Education Attorneys (NCOSEA) is composed of attorneys who represent and advise state boards of education.

Governance Opportunities. State boards are encouraged to nominate their members to serve on NASBE committees and the national Board of Directors.

Our Mission

The National Association of State Boards of Education exists to strengthen state boards as the preeminent educational policymaking bodies for students and citizens. NASBE is the only national organization giving voice and adding value to the nation’s state boards of education. A nonprofit organization founded in 1958, NASBE works to:

- strengthen state leadership in educational policymaking,
- promote excellence in the education of all students,
- advocate equality of access to educational opportunity, and
- ensure continued citizen support for public education.

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