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2010 NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

One benefit of National Middle School Association (NMSA) membership is the opportunity to participate in the nomination and election of the Board of Trustees. Membership participation in nominating qualified candidates to lead the Association is vitally important to the growth and development of NMSA. The Board of Trustees encourages your thoughtful consideration of this Call for Nominations and invites you to nominate qualified candidates for slating consideration. The nominator of any potential candidate must be a member in good standing of any membership category. A member may nominate himself or herself for office.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2010. Only nomination forms prepared by the Elections Committee may be utilized. You may duplicate this form but each sheet must be signed individually by the person making the nomination and include that person's complete mailing address. **As a courtesy, please inform any individuals that you nominate.** Complete the nomination form and return it to the Elections Committee, NMSA, 4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 300, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

I. Positions to be Slated

- President-Elect
- One Regional Trustee each from the North Region, South Region, East Region, and West Region
- One trustee to Represent Teachers in the North and West regions. This person shall be a full time teacher of 10–15 year olds.

II. Qualifications

- Candidates for all positions must: be a member in good standing of any membership category for at least one (1) year prior to slating. With the exception of President-Elect, a nominee may not work within the same school, district, college, or university of that of any existing Trustee. The nominee must hold an individual NMSA membership if the invitation to be slated for a position is accepted.
- Except for incumbents seeking election for a second term, nominees for Regional Trustee may not be residents of the following states/provinces for the 2010 election: California, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, or Tennessee.
- The President-Elect shall have been a member in good standing and shall have served at least one membership year as either a voting member of the Board of Trustees. The President-Elect shall not be a consultant or an executive director or employee of an affiliate organization.

III. Slating

- All candidates shall be slated by the Elections Committee.
- At least two (2) but not more than five (5) candidates will be slated for all trustee positions.
- Only one (1) candidate from each state, province or territory will be slated for the Regional Trustee position.
- At least two (2) but not more than three (3) candidates will be slated for President-Elect.
- As a condition for being slated, the nominee must complete, sign, and return the Nominee Information Form.

IV. Board of Trustee Responsibilities

The following is a description of commitments of time and effort required of Board of Trustee members.

Attendance at National Board Meetings and Annual Conference

The present schedule is as follows:

- Three-day Board meeting in January
- Three-day Board meeting in June
- Annual Conference in November
- Three-day Board meeting in September
- Special meetings as called (if necessary)

Other Duties and Responsibilities of Trustees

- Establish mission and vision of NMSA
- Hire and evaluate the Executive Director
- Update the NMSA strategic plan
- Establish the charge of NMSA committees and task forces; review their reports and progress
- Represent NMSA to members, affiliates, other organizations, and the public
- Maintain individual membership in NMSA
- Establish NMSA policy
- Approve the annual budget and monitor finances
- Adopt key operating policies and procedures
- Support the collaborative nature of the Board
- Elect two Board members to Executive Council
- Serve on committees as appropriate
- Support NMSA through a personal contribution of time and talent

V. A sitting member of the National Middle School Association Board of Trustees may not receive compensation for any services.

2010 NMSA Elections Committee

Janet Vernon
Past President and
Committee Chair

Janet Griffith
East Region Trustee

Nancy Polisenio
Trustee to Represent
North/West Regions

Lynn Searcy
North Region Trustee

Ginger Burnell
Member-at-Large

NMSA Headquarters Liaison

Pam Kuntz
Coordinator of Affiliate Services

2010 NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NOMINATION FORM

MEMBERSHIP REGIONAL TRUSTEE

- Nominee must reside in the region from which they are nominated.
- Nominator must reside in region for which nomination is made.
- Nominee may not reside in a state in which an existing Trustee resides, except for incumbents seeking election for a second term or to replace an appointed trustee who has served for less than 18 months.
- Nominee may not work within the same school, district, college, or university of that of any existing Trustee.

Check one: North South East West

Person Nominated: _____

Position: _____

Mailing Address: H W _____ Organization: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/PO Code: _____

TEL: (home) _____ (work) _____ Email: _____

TRUSTEE TO REPRESENT TEACHERS NORTH/WEST REGIONS

- Must be a full time teacher of 10–15 year olds.
- May be a resident of either the North or West region.
- May reside in the same state, province or territory as that of another trustee.
- Nominee may not work within the same school, district, college, or university of that of any existing Trustee.
- Nominee may not reside in Ohio.

Person Nominated: _____

Position: _____

Mailing Address: H W _____ Organization: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/PO Code: _____

TEL: (home) _____ (work) _____ Email: _____

PRESIDENT-ELECT

- Nominee must have served a minimum of one year as a voting member of the Board of Trustees.
- Nominee cannot be a consultant, an Executive Director, or an employee of an affiliate organization.

Person Nominated: _____

Position: _____

Mailing Address: H W _____ Organization: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/PO Code: _____

TEL: (home) _____ (work) _____ Email: _____

YOUR INFORMATION

Please enter your membership number here:



Name: _____

Position: _____

Mailing Address: H W _____ Organization: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/PO Code: _____

TEL: (home) _____ (work) _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Elections Committee, NMSA, 4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 300, Westerville, Ohio 43081 or fax (followed by a hard copy by mail) to 614-895-4750.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2010.

- Note:
1. Nominee and Nominator must be members of NMSA.
 2. You may duplicate this form, but each sheet must be signed individually by the person making the nomination and include that person's complete mailing address.
 3. The Elections Committee will consider candidates on their qualifications, not on the basis of multiple nominations received for any one nominee.
 4. As a courtesy, please notify nominees of your intention to place their names in nomination.